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JUNE ROSES.

Oh roses! sweet roses of June,
With your velvet leaves and rich perfume,
Floating wide on the summer air,
Is there anything that is half so fair?

Oh roses! sweet roses, with hearts of gold,
You heard the story, so sweet, so old,
Hanging with crimson buds drooped low,
And gently swinging to and fro.

And when your beauty and color have fled,
Your blossoms are withered, faded and dead,
We cast them aside, but do as we will,
The rich faint perfume will linger there still.

So with our lives, when its spring has fled,
And its summer passion fires are dead,
And but withered leaves and ashes lie
To tell us of hopes in the days gone by.

Then may our lives in sweetness shed
Blossoms of beauty above our head,
Breathe to our hearts incense as rare
As June roses leave on the summer air.

—FRANCES HORTON BOGART.

For The Eastern Star.

SWEET CIRIACA.

• A burning Italian sun beat down upon the Coliseum at four in the afternoon in the year of our Lord three hundred and three. At this period the Flavian Amphitheatre towered one hundred eighty feet in air, was six hundred ninety feet in length and its ellipse measured seventeen hundred ninety feet in circumference. Its four stories were adorned by Doric, Ionic and Corinthian columns, by chariots and statues, all held firmly together with iron clamps and everlasting cement. The colossal building was the wonder of the age. A glorious monument to us, typical of the power of man through God.

On the twenty-fourth day of February in that memorable year, the Emperor Diocletian persuaded by Galerius, one of the Cæsars under him, had issued an edict commanding "all Christian churches to be pulled down, all sacred writings flung into the fire, all Christians to be degraded from rank and honor and twelve of the chief offenders to suffer death in the arena."

It is the fourth of June now, and the

Roman people are to gather to-day within this great inclosure, to witness the fulfillment of the latter part of the sentence—the feeding of the Christians to the lions. The "provider" or overseer of the Coliseum, had ordered the huge sail-cloth (velarium) to be drawn over the open space above, that the populace might be protected from the rays of their fiery enemy old Sol; for a Roman sun, even at four in the afternoon, is a dangerous and unwelcome companion.

All was in readiness. The cloth was drawn, the air filled with sweet odors ejected through invisible tubes, the trap doors ready to spring at the first tread of the lion. Even the souls of the doomed beings were ready and waiting, some in terrible suspense, others with calm resignation waiting for the moment when they should stand unprotected, a certain prey to those savage, hungered "Kings of the forest."

Soon laughing, jesting, pushing and grumbling, the great throng began to congregate. By the erect military presence we note the soldier. If he has procured his "tesserae" he ascends by a small, dark stairway (vomitoria) to the third stage, where ten rows of steps are always reserved for "the military." They are the highest and poorest seats, for common soldiers were looked down upon in Italy then, as now.

Below these, separated by a gallery, are sixteen seats for the common people and in the first stage above the "podium" are twenty-four steps always occupied by knights and tribunes. Now the "podium" contains the places of honor and in it sit the Emperor and his family, the Senate and the Vestal Virgins. They are protected from the animals in the arena by a high polished wall, incapable of being scaled. The rest of the space is given up to the actors in this strange drama—wild beasts, gladiators and Christians. It has a boarded floor two hundred eighty-one feet in length, by one hundred seventy-six feet in width, which can be removed and the place filled with water for naval combats, if desirable.

To-day the entire surface glittered with

gold dust, for Diocletian was luxurious and cynical. He enjoyed the effect of the brightness and sparkle, and it pleased him to think that the two things so precious in his mind, life and wealth, should thus be combined at the last. Though sapping up the life-blood of the victim, yet the priceless dust could not save that life; though dying, he could not win the gold.

At last the building is filled to its utmost capacity. There are eighty-seven thousand seats. Not one is vacant. Fifteen thousand people can be admitted. There is not standing-room even for a child.

"By the great Jupiter! We shall have a fine sight to-day, brother?"

"Aye. Twelve ignoble Christian dogs, with the wealthy patrician lady Ciriaca in the lead. Ha, ha! A fine sight amo mia, si."

"They come! They come! Death for the Christians! To the lions with them all!"

From the one hundred two thousand throats comes the cry, as from one hideous monster thirsting for the blood of its kind. O, the pity of it! That men and women should ever send the waves of sound rolling through the ages, perhaps to hear them wash against the shores of eternity and break with the horror themselves have started so long ago.

Before the mighty shouts had died away, the little band of twelve had reached the centre of the arena. Some glanced fearfully around, listening eagerly, tremblingly for the click of the trap door that was to announce the coming of their doom. Though strong enough to brave anything for their faith, the thought of death in such a form was sickening. Some stretched out their hands for pity to the sea of faces that swept around them on every side. Better appeal to the senseless walls than to the stony hearted Romans.

One there was, a maiden, noticeable above all others. Clad in a simple white tunic and girdle, her tawny hair coiled upon her head in the fashion of the times, the steadfast light of faith, resignation, hope, gleaming in her fathomless eyes of brown—firm, regal, stood the lady Ciriaca. She had won the implac-

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ble enmity of the Emperor by refusing her pagan lover Galerius, his son-in-law. By aiding the Christians with her wealth and upholding their faith against all threats and persuasions. Therefore, "Ciriaca must die." So saith Diocletian.

Again the air vibrates with the cries of the multitude as the lions with one bound spring into the arena. Blinded by the light and infuriated by the odor of human flesh after continuous days of fasting, the kingly beasts roar in their impatience, then spying their prey, dash into the midst of them.

May God have mercy upon the beings who could sit exultingly by and listen to those shrieks of terror, the dries of agony and low death moans that met the ears of the Roman people on that far-away afternoon in June.

Ciriaca had been standing through it all with firmly locked hands and softly moving lips, gazing at the distant speck of blue sky that peeped between the velarium and the wall, as if for her comfort and sustentation. Startled by the sudden silence, she looks about her and perceives her companions still and silent in their last sleep. Of the twelve so lately partners in misery she alone remains.

The entire people are waiting now, with breathless interest, for the moment when the crouching animal shall spring and the last of the Christian band join the company so lately separated. As they listen the air is filled with a wonderful sweetness of melody. Softly at first, then louder, clearer—Ciriaca is singing her death song. Again ring out the notes of praise, prayer and faith unending, then slower, softer, fainter, they die away and the singer falls senseless before the crouching lion.

Satiated with the taste of blood, his fury soothed by the unexpected music, the noble creature rises slowly and in all the majesty of latent power, stalks away—more merciful in his brute nature than man. For, at a signal from the Emperor, a gladiator dashes into the scene and with one deft thrust of his lance the Christian maid is beyond the power of resuscitation. Surely she has won a martyr's crown, sweet Ciriaca.

My foot pushed a stone from its resting-place and the noise aroused me.

A glorious August moon shone upon the stately, awful beauty of the now desolate Coliseum and lighted all investigations on this our farewell visit. It cast weird shadows across the ancient, bloody circus, and magnified the horror and solemnity of the mournful sight. Yes, inexpressibly mournful. Never, even in its prime, could the Coliseum have moved one heart as it must move all who look upon it now, a ruin. God be thanked: ruin!

"And thou didn't shine, thou rolling moon upon All this, and east wide and tender light. Which softened down the hoar ansterity Of rugged desolation, and filled up, As 'twere anew, the gaps of centuries."

M. ANGELICA THAYER.

For The Eastern Star.

THE PEOPLE.

We read a great deal about the people, and the term sometimes confounds one who does not comprehend the elasticity of our English tongue. About election time we read of the honesty of the people, the sagacity of the people, the common sense of the people, the intelligence of the people, and about all the voice of the people. In looking into the matter closely we find that it is the people who send men to Congress, who make Presidents and who make saloon-keepers. We find also that the people have some attributes in common with the rest of the human species. They see and hear, they walk upon two feet, they eat and drink and talk, especially the latter.

They are, in short, a privileged class wearing bifurcated garments. When said garments are filled by a human being that has lived on this planet twenty-one years he is one of the people, provided he is not an idiot, insane, or a criminal under sentence. He may not be able to spell his own name, that makes no difference, he is the people. He may not have a dollar in the world, he is the people. He may not have intelligence enough to know his right hand from the left, nevertheless he is the people, if he can prove his right to wear the bifurcated garments, and in virtue of this latter test he can do that awful thing—vote.

In a visit to Cincinnati, O., a short time ago I saw one of the people. It was the day of the primary election. A woman who is a stock-holder in the gas company of that city, and in the street railways, the Adams Express Co., and in two or three banking institutions and mistress of the house where I visited in the suburbs of the city, had in her employ one of the people. He was black as ebony, and in general a good servant. But upon this day he was the superior element of that household because he was the people—he could vote.

The mistress of the house who paid for the privilege of teaching him how to earn his living as a house servant, had occasion on that day to go to the city to attend a business conference that involved the security of some hundreds of thousands of dollars, and upon which she paid into the treasury of that opulent city a goodly sum in taxes. He, of the people, whose name we will say was John, informed his employer that he could not drive her carriage to the city on that day as he must have time to vote.

"But John," argued she, "my business is of more importance than your vote." "Can't be, Miss; no woman's business mo' 'portant dan a vote."

"Well John, It takes very little time to vote. My business will occupy several hours. When that is done you will have plenty of time to vote."

John gloomily went about his work, and after luncheon brought the carriage to the door. It was five o'clock in the afternoon before he could assert his power as the people,

which he speedily proceeded to do and was not seen again until the next morning.

The young son of the house then said, "John, whom did you vote for?"

John looked puzzled, and pulling his woolly locks answered:

"I don't jis' member now. Didn't hardly have time to vote at all."

"How much more could you have voted if you had had all the day?"

"Dunno, but I jis' mos' missed a big fight."

"Were they fighting at the polls?"

"No, not 'zackly, but down in Ham's s'loun dey was a big fight. One man got killed."

"Had he voted?" asked the youngster.

"Bress yer, dat's what he got killed fer. He done vote as de oder boss tole him. 'Spec' he was full anyhow."

Here was another phase of the people. They get full. They fight. They kill each other and they "don't jis' member who they did vote for" the next morning. Still it is the voice of the people. The rich woman whose whole day had been spent in conference touching some of the improvements of that great city, and whose money will enrich it when she dies, does not belong to the people. Her voice is silenced beside this specimen of Africa ignorance.

A few days later John declared to Milly, the cook, that Jeff Davis was the man who set the negroes free. Milly, who had been a slave in Kentucky, stoutly asserted that "it was not Jeff Davis, it was Linkum dat freed" her. John offered to bet a pair of shoes that it was Jeff Davis. Milly said she would bet a whole suit of clothes, and in telling it afterward shook with laughter as she said:

"Why, Miss, I jes' knowed I jes' as good as had dem clocs on my back, if dat fool nigger eber pays up."

Yet Milly isn't one of the people either.

M. SEARS BROOKS.

A TRIBUTE.

[Read at the laying of the corner-stone of the chapel at the S. & S. O. Home at Knightstown, Ind., by Fanny A. Goudy.]

We have given Abraham Lincoln lofty monuments, a magnificent tomb, and ten thousand tears. We may excel West Minster Abbey as his resting place, we may build our towers high as heaven's dome, our tears may flow as the rivers that water the woodland, but the name of Lincoln is greater than them all! If his dust covered six feet of earth in a spot that man knew not, nature guided by the hand of God would decorate the grave. On the breast of mother earth would grow the myrtle of love, the laurel of victory, the olive of peace. He has built a monument to himself and our posterity greater than we can give. The sovereignty of man over himself is that character that placed equality as the base of liberty and the whole Union greater than a part.

The paramount principle of his life was "malice toward none, charity for all." Prof. Drummond has given us a beautiful and

practical book on the synonymous terms of charity and love which he entitles "The Greatest Thing in the World." Love of country is that which excels all other loves. It is said to be "the most absorbing passion of the human soul." Tongues shall cease, but patriotism, innate in every human breast, lives on forever. The language of Greece is dead, but the Spartan spirit will never die. The musical words of the Scotch Highlanders is growing extinct, but the chord uniting that people under the ensign of universal welfare will never be lost.

According to natural law man conceives right, and in that conception he will barter life to purchase it. Our fathers gave the best part of their lives for this government, and thousands of them have folded their tents and sleep in peace. Those of us whose friends were, and have been, shielded from the grasp of death, know it is but for a few years—for they have purchased an unbroken Union, a government that "gives all votes the same weight, that gives all consciences the same right." It is through the shedding of their blood, the agony they endured, their premature deaths that our heritage of America is truly Christian. I am thankful for many things in life, there is but one thing of which I am proud—that is, that my father is an honorably discharged Union soldier. I am proud to be placed on an equality with the children of this Home.

In Victor Hugo's words, the rebellion "ventilated the age and crowned the people." He says, "a common ball travels six hundred leagues an hour, light covers seventy thousand leagues per second"—so Lincoln is great, but Christ is so much greater. We may extol the spirit of heroism and the name of Lincoln, but it is only God manifesting himself. To-day you have laid the corner-stone of a hall that is to bear the name of a hero, but in that chapel the children of this Home will learn of a greater hero. Children, may your hearts be achieved where you place the precious words of God that will fit you for the best service possible. Lay your benificent gifts on His altar that it may broaden by your fidelity, that it may be embellished by your trophies.

GRAND CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS, 1892.

The sixteenth annual meeting of Grand Chapter of Massachusetts was held in Masonic Hall, Westfield, Tuesday, May 10, and was opened in due and ample form at 10:30 a. m., with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Helen A. Atkins. The Hall was beautifully decked with rare potted plants and evergreens, which with the bright sunshine of this lovely May morning seemed to inspire the heart with a spirit of buoyancy and joy.

Sister Angie Cooley, W. M. of Golden Chapter, extended a cordial greeting to the Grand Chapter as follows:

GRAND MATRON:—It has been said that "history repeats herself." However true that fact, it is true in this Grand Chapter, and we

have again assembled to review the work of the past year, and from the inspiration of the earnest workers, to gather fresh impetus, to enable us to do more and better work in the future. To the Grand Officers the retrospect must be pleasant. The great degree of harmony and zeal evinced by the chapters within our jurisdiction shows the wise guidance in the upbuilding and strengthening of our Order, and expresses in a more full and lasting manner than can words of mine, the debt we owe to you and your associates, for your untiring efforts, and faithful labors, unrewarded.

And Grand Matron, it is a very pleasant duty for me at this, nature's beauteous spring time, to welcome this Grand Chapter to the pleasant valley of Waronoco, to our village, to the Masonic home of Mt. Moriah-Lodge, and to the chapter-room of Golden Chapter. We appreciate your kindness in meeting with us. May the inspiration which this chapter will receive be lasting, and if we can succeed in making this visit a pleasant remembrance to the members of this Grand Chapter, we shall feel that we have received our reward.

The Grand Matron, Sister L. J. Provin, replied in a few well-chosen words, saying:

WORTHY MATRON, SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF GOLDEN CHAPTER:—In behalf of my associate officers, and the members of this Grand Chapter, I thank you for the cordial welcome you have given us. I am sure I voice the sentiment of all present, when I say that we share with you in the wish that we may renew our strength to-day and go forth to work with fresh zeal for our beloved Order in the future. And as God's bright sunshine floods the earth this morning, so may the sunshine of peace smile upon us as we close the labors of the day.

Of the twenty-seven chapters in Massachusetts, twenty-six were represented by 102 members of the Grand Chapter, and forty-one visitors. The following named Grand Officers were present:

Louise J. Provin, G. M., Westfield; Henry C. Savage, G. P., North Adams; Anna M. Harrington, P. G. M., as A. G. M.; John P. Loring, A. G. P., Charlestown; Daniel Seagrave, G. Sec., Worcester; Sister L. L. Goodenough, G. Treas., Easthampton; Jennie E. Morse, Boston, as G. C.; Isadore Forbes, A. G. C., Westboro; Helen A. Atkins, G. Chap., Charlestown; Effie M. Carson, G. Mar., Westfield; Emily Bassett, G. A., Easthampton; Sarah A. Stone, G. R., Marlboro; Abbie J. Pratt, G. E., Melrose; Louise H. Long, G. M., Maynard; Lucy E. Fuller, G. E., Springfield; Ellen L. T. Almy, Waltham, as G. War.; Joseph Bassett, Easthampton, as G. Sen.

By request of the Grand Secretary, R. Emily Little, Charlestown was appointed Assistant Grand Secretary.

The following committees were appointed: Jurisprudence—Frank E. Shaw, P. G. P.; Wm. A. Blossom, and Anna M. Harrington, Finance—N. W. Farrar, P. G. P.; Ellen L. T. Almy, and Kate C. H. Parker.

Credentials—G. C. Fiske, P. G. P., and Sisters L. C. Warren and Mary P. Lloyd.

Appeals and Grievances—Bros. O. C. Towle, Warren M. King, and Sisters Mary A. Stebbins.

A letter of regret was read from S. Ellen Whitcomb, P. G. M., who was unable to be present.

Commissions appointing the following named sisters grand representatives near this Grand Chapter were presented, and the sisters were introduced and received with honors:

Louise J. Provin, G. M., for Ohio, Illinois, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Michigan, and California. Anna P. Harrington, P. G. M., for Montana, Missouri, and Minnesota, No. 2. R. Emily Little, for Kansas.

The Grand Matron read her annual address, a well-written paper, giving an account of her official acts, and making many recommendations and suggestions for the future action of this Grand Body, and its subordinates.

The address of the Grand Patron also showed much thought and consideration given to the Order, contained a report of his official acts, and a large number of recommendations, many of which were approved by the Grand Chapter.

The report of the Grand Secretary showed the membership of the Order in this State, January 1, to be 3,006 in twenty-seven active chapters, a net gain of eighty-seven during the past year. Twenty-three have left our ranks for the Grand Chapter above, among whom were our Associates Grand Matron, Sister Carrie W. Bates, of Orange, and Eva J. Perry, of Charlestown.

One chapter has been constituted during the year—summitt, at Hopkinton.

The report of the Grand Treasurer showed a balance on hand of \$169.49.

At 12:30 o'clock, the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshments, and the members and visitors were escorted to the Opera House, and entertained by Golden Chapter with an elaborate banquet.

Much of the afternoon session was devoted to the reports of committees, and general routine business.

The Committee on Member's Badge recommended that designed by Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec., and exhibited samples of the badge, which were greatly admired by the members, and received their sanction, but definite action was postponed to await the action of the G. G. C. on member's badges at its next meeting.

A petition was received from Mary Love Chapter, Waltham, asking permission to change the name of the chapter to Electa, which was granted.

Although the Constitution was very carefully revised one year ago, many very important amendments were proposed at this session.

A salary of one hundred dollars was voted the Grand Secretary.

It was voted that the next meeting of the Grand Chapter shall be held in Fitchburg.

The Grand Officers were duly elected for the ensuing year, when by invitation of the Grand Matron, Anna M. Harrington, P. G. M., assisted by Sister A. E. Clifford, of Worcester, as Grand Marshal, and Helen A. Atkins, installed the following named officers in a very pleasing and impressive manner:

Louise J. Provin, Grand Matron, Westfield; John P. Loring, Grand Patron, Charlestown;

Hattie E. Ewing, Associate Grand Matron, Orange; Adam F. Brown, Associate Grand Patron, Westboro; Daniel Seagrave, Grand Secretary, Worcester; Sister L. L. Goodenough, Grand Treasurer, Easthampton; Mary A. Stebbins, Grand Conductress, Fitchburg; S. Mary Greeley, Associate Grand Conductress, Marlboro; Carrie A. Odiorne, Grand Chaplain, Boston; Effie M. Carson, Grand Marshal, Westfield; Josephine Rice, Grand Adah, Hopkinton; Flora A. Porter, Grand Ruth, N. Adams; Eliza A. Shadee, Grand Esther, Florence; Ella L. Fairbanks, Grand Martha, Natick; Ellen L. T. Almy, Grand Electa, Waltham; Sister M. Lull, Grand Warder, Springfield; Geo. G. Genthner, Grand Sentinel, Westboro.

An intermission was then declared, and supper was served by the members of Golden Chapter.

During the evening session the Grand Matron invited the officers of Golden Chapter to exemplify the work, and the opening and initiatory ceremonies were presented in a very pleasing manner—Misses Lulu Sanford and Carrie Bowen, being duly initiated and made members of Golden Chapter, after which the Floral Work was very impressively rendered.

A unanimous vote of thanks was extended to Golden Chapter for the admirable manner in which they had entertained the Grand Chapter, after which the Grand Chapter was closed in due and ample form.

A cordial invitation was extended to those desiring to remain, to be the guests of Golden Chapter.

Quite a large party took the 12:45 train for their several homes, and although the "stop-overs" at a couple of stations made an all-night trip for some of us, it was a lively party, and sleepers found little chance to doze. Altogether it was a trip long to be remembered.

R. E. L.

GRAND CHAPTER OF MINNESOTA FOR 1892.

The Grand Chapter met in Commandery room, Masonic Temple, Minneapolis, Wednesday, May 11, at 2 p. m., and was called to order by the Worthy Grand Matron, Louise E. Jacoby.

Roll-call elicited the fact that only two of the Grand Officers were absent.

An address of welcome was given by Sister Sarah Williamson, of Lorraine Chapter, Minneapolis, which was replete with good things. The response was given by Sister Nellie Markham, of Jasper Chapter, Rush City. We regret that we have not the space for both of these addresses. They should both be published, and will be with the proceedings. We append the following from Sister Markham's:

In response to your invitation of a year ago we have assembled here to-day for our sixth annual meeting and greetings of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Minnesota, in your beautiful city on the banks of the Father of Waters, near the home of the immortalized Minnehaha.

"Minnehaha, laughing water,
In the land of handsome women,"

After listening to Sister Williamson's warm-hearted words of welcome, full of love, courage and hope for the future, I feel that the pleasure of replying might have been delegated to an older and more competent member. I can assure you, however, to me it is a delightful privilege, and in behalf of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, I heartily thank you for your very courteous welcome, and trust ere this Grand Chapter closes you will find us appreciative guests.

To meet so many sisters and brothers of this great and busy city, who have left their business duties to greet us and assist in advancing the interests of the Order is indeed encouraging, for Grand Officers need the co-operation and support of each individual member to attain the successful end for which we are striving.

As we view these elegant apartments in this Masonic Temple we have reason to congratulate you, and ourselves, on being permitted to assemble here, and the Masonic fraternity in the possession of this edifice, the magnificence and fame of which are known throughout our land; and may it ever stand a monument to Freemasonry and a credit to your city. Truly we can say, "Our lines have fallen in pleasant places," and under these favorable auspices may we be inspired with such zeal and devotion for the work that lies before us, that the results will redound with satisfaction to ourselves and to the upbuilding of our beautiful Order.

Let us thank God that He has thus far led and prospered us, given us such wise and good leaders in our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jacoby, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Swanstrom, whose uniform courtesy and untiring efforts in the promotion of harmony and good will have endeared them to the hearts of all.

The virtues exemplified in the lives of the heroines we hold dear, are jewels more precious than crown a monarch's head, and if we strive to emulate these virtues, they will at last crown ours with a victor's crown when we stand before our Judge and receive the blessing, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

May the new sisters and brothers of the past year who have taken the same obligation, and are following the same "Star in the East" as their beacon light, feel that they are additional links to strengthen and beautify our golden chain. Thus may we journey together hand in hand working for the good of our fellow-men, and to honor Thee our God.

"Be the days of our pilgrimage many,
Or the years of our life be but few,
To our God, to ourself, to our fellow,
Let us ever prove faithful and true.
May we grow in the Heavenly wisdom,
Be strong in the strength of God's grace,
And be clothed in the garment of beauty
Which we wear when beholding His face."

The response was followed by the addresses of the retiring Worthy Grand Matron, Louise E. Jacoby, and Worthy Grand Patron, Andrew P. Swanstrom. We will have to defer giving even a synopsis of the addresses this month, but will do so in our next issue. They were both replete with matters of interest in this jurisdiction. From the report of the Worthy Grand Patron we find that ten dispensations were granted for new chapters during the year, and that two of the old chapters under the old Grand Body were reorganized. The membership has been increased 737 during the year—the total number now being 1968. There are now thirty-seven chartered chapters in affiliation with

this Grand Body. This showing is not a bad one considering the many difficulties that have attended the Body in the past.

Following the election of officers, which occurred Thursday afternoon, a banquet was provided by the local chapters of Minneapolis, to which about 400 sat down.

The following are the elective officers for the ensuing year: Mary E. Taylor, Minneapolis, Worthy Grand Matron; N. A. Gearhart, Duluth, Worthy Grand Patron; Lilly Mason, Excelsior, Associate Grand Matron; J. D. Markham, Rush City, Associate Grand Patron; Ida M. Wing, Minneapolis, Grand Secretary; Lucy D. Wakefield, Hutchinson, Grand Treasurer; S. A. Higgins, of Albert Lea, Grand Conductress; Mary E. Burke, St. Paul, Associate Grand Conductress. The officers were installed by the retiring Worthy Grand Patron, Andrew P. Swanstrom. S.

MARY'S LAMB—NEW.

[Iowa Masonry.]

Mary had a little lamb, its fleece was white as snow; it strayed away one summer day where lambs should never go. Then Mary sat down and tears streamed from her pretty eyes; she never found her lamb because she did not advertise. And Mary had a brother John, who kept a village store; he sat down and smoked his pipe, and watched the open door. And as the people passed along, but did not stop and buy, John still sat down and smoked his pipe, and blinked his sleepy eye. And so the sheriff closed him out, but still he lingered near, and Mary came to drop with him a sympathizing tear. "How is it sister, that these other merchants here, sell all the goods and pay their bills, and thrive from year to year?" Remembering now her own bad luck, the little maid replies: "These other fellows get there, John, because they advertise."

Washington's Masonic Apron,

Which has lately been exhibited before the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and also in Chicago, (where it was placed at the disposal of the Voice of Masonry,) is a great Masonic curiosity of historical interest. It was presented to Gen. Washington by Gen. Lafayette and was made by Mrs. Lafayette. It is a fine specimen of the embroidery of one hundred years ago. The only engraving of this famous apron ever published appears in the June number of the Voice of Masonry and Family Magazine of Chicago, which will be sent you for thirty cents. Address Voice of Masonry, and Family Magazine, Chicago, Illinois.

THE WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.

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For The Eastern Star.

THE GATE.

Between the good and the evil of earth
There's a gate that so lightly swings,
It seems a heart might put it ajar,
So easy it turns on its hinge.
While under its shadow a demon waits
To grasp those who pass with a clutch of fate.

On this side, there in the distance glow
Columns so grand and high,
And the sunsets beauty never kissed
A fairer sea and sky.
And mellow and soft it tenderly clings
To the gateway's edge like a golden fringe.

Over the arches a darkness rests
Like that which precedes the morn,
And the wild wind weeps o'er a wicked world
And wails for the souls forlorn.
Their voice cries out to the passers by,
To warn of the death that the wretched die.

Between the good and the evil of earth
There's a gate that so lightly swings,
That a thrust of fate or an angry word,
May turn it on its hinge.
Then lead back the ones who have gone astray,
For they are the good who have lost their way.

—RUTH WARD KAHN.

Leadville, Colo.

For The Eastern Star.

PICKED UP BY THE WAYSIDE.

Once more are we well launched into another leap-year, with its alleged privilege of allowing women to make matrimonial proposals, a privilege which she may in future have as her own at all seasons—if we are to believe current discussions. The origin of this leap-year favor was by an act of the Scottish Parliament passed in the reign of Margaret, about the year 1228, it being "Ordonit that during ye reign of her maist blessit Majestie, ilka maiden la dee of baith high and low estait shall hae liberty to speak ye man she likes; gif he refuses to take her to be his wif, he shall be mulet in the sum of an hundred pundis or less, as his estait may be, except and always gif he can make it appear that he is betroth it to another woman, then he shall be free."

It is at this season of the year particularly, that the average woman wears a weary, worn expression, and when all her spring duties—household and personal—are considered, this is not strange. In comparison we are reminded of the pleasant countenance the Japanese women have. This sweet expression and habitual serenity is perhaps due to their freedom from small worries. The fashion of dress never varying, saves the wear of mind over that subject, and the bareness of houses and the simplicity of diet make housekeeping a mere bagatelle. Everything is exquisitely clean and easily kept so. There is no paint, no drapery, no crowd of little ornaments, no coming into the houses in the footwear worn in the dusty streets. And then the feeling of living in rooms that can be turned into verandas and balconies at a moment's notice, of having walls that slide away as freely as do

the scenes on the stage, and let in all outdoors, or change the suites of rooms to the shape and size that the whim of the day or hour requires. The Japanese are learning much from us, some things not to their improvement. We might begin, with profit to ourselves, to learn of them.

That women can do more than one thing and do it well at the same time, can be well testified to by one's fellow-woman, but it is a rarer thing for men to admit the possibility thereof. When Edwark Bok in one of his gossiping letters regarding literature commends the literary woman as a housekeeper, we may well think the old order of things are passing away. Hear what he says: "It is a popular supposition that literary women live in a sort of hazy atmosphere, and that the homely arts of cooking and housekeeping are unknown to them. I was particularly struck by the fallacy of this notion by listening to the conversation of two of the most prominent literary women of the day at a dinner party a few evenings ago. One would have supposed that such a thing as the pen never came into their fingers, but that their lives were spent in the kitchen. The fact is that the majority of literary women are far better housekeepers than the public imagine. While portions of their days are spent in their 'dens,' the kitchen is not forgotten, and frequently have I sat down to a delicious dinner personally prepared by a hostess of literary renown in the absence or sickness of cook or servant."

The present fashion of trailing skirts is a repetition of a former fashion, concerning which, Holmes gave some very sensible views in his Breakfast Table Talks. We agree, I'm sure, with him: "Our landlady's daughter is a young lady of some pretensions to gentility. . . . She wears her trains long as the great ladies do in Europe. To be sure their dresses are made only to sweep the tapestried floors of chateaux and palaces; as those odious aristocrats of the other side do not go dragging through the mud in silks and satins, but, forsooth must ride in coaches when they are in full dress. It is true, that considering various habits of the American people, also the little incidents which the best kept sidewalks are liable to, a lady who has swept a mile of them is not exactly in such a condition that one would care to be her neighbor. . . . Why there isn't a beast or bird that would drag its tail through the dirt in the way these creatures do their dresses. Because a queen or a duchess wears long robes on great occasions, a maid-of-all-work or a factory-girl thinks she must make herself a nuisance by trailing through the streets picking up and carrying about with her—pah! That's what I call vulgarity into your bones and marrow. If any man can walk behind one of these women and see what she rakes up as she goes, and not feel squeamish, he has a tough stomach."

LILLIAN.

GRAND CHAPTER OF KANSAS FOR 1892.

The sixteenth annual session of the Grand Chapter of Kansas was held at Pittsburg, May 17, 18, and 19. The members and visitors were entertained by Rob Morris Chapter.

The spacious chapter-room, with its parlors and preparation-room, were thrown open early Tuesday evening to the visitors. By eight o'clock, the chairs seating three hundred people were filled, and a few minutes later, D. E. Pence, Worthy Patron of Rob Morris Chapter, rapped to order and welcomed the Grand Chapter and other visitors to the smoky city. A program of music and recitations had been prepared, which was next rendered. From ten o'clock until twelve was spent in social conversation, and showing an appreciation for the banquet spread by Rob Morris Chapter.

On Wednesday morning a carriage drive was indulged in, which was greatly enjoyed by all. At ten o'clock the Grand Chapter was called to order with seventeen Grand officers present, and a large number of members and visitors, Sister Mary Wakefield, Grand Matron, and Sister Jane Miller, Past Grand Matron of Missouri, were welcome visitors.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, after which the Grand Matron appointed the following committees,

Credentials—Lillian Wiggs, Ellen A. Kenner, Emma W. Port.

Finance Ways and Means—Lottie E. Young, Kate F. Morris, John Lanning.

Unfinished Business—Sister Frank Williamson, Ella Ellis, Frederick Dresroth.

Jurisprudence—Wm. Julian, Mary A. Hepler, Louise Krueger.

Charter Chapters—Poebe B. Colton, Jennie Whelen, J. R. Truslote.

Chapters U. D.—Mary H. Buck, Charlotte T. Metz, Ed. Hays.

Appeals and Grievances—Mary C. Snedden, Sister T. L. Whitlock, Fitzgerald.

Foreign Correspondence—Myra Mottram, Sister Stevenson, I. Mitchell.

After the appointment of the various committees, Sister Bessie Lanning, W. M., of Rob Morris Chapter, gave a beautiful address of welcome, which was responded to by Carrie O. Getty, Associate Grand Matron, in such beautiful and appropriate words that it should find place where the members of the Order not alone of Kansas, but at large, may enjoy it—space alone forbids its reproduction.

The address of the Grand Matron showed a year of earnest work. She installed the officers of three chapters and had officially visited forty, of which she says:

I am pleased to report great interest in every chapter visited, and a uniformity of work, and in some instances it was rendered almost perfect. Am pleased to find so many chapters memorizing the work. I was royally entertained by all. I also had the pleasure of meeting nearly all the Grand Officers in their own home chapters.

Under the head of "Honors where honors are due," she says:

From the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of Kansas, for

1891, we copy the following extract from the address of the Grand Commander, Geo. W. Port, also Past Patron of Naomi Chapter.

"February 23, 1891, I granted permission to Coeur-de-Lion Commandery, No. 17, Parsons, to act as escort of honor at the funeral of Mrs. G. W. Gabriel, wife of Sir Geo. W. Gabriel, E. C., of said Commandery. Mrs. Gabriel was, at the time of her death, Associate Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter, Order Eastern Star, of Kansas, and was buried by the members of the Order. The love of many followed her through life, and after death followed her to her last resting place. A sad pleasure it was to exercise the high prerogatives of the office in the recognition of a noble woman, and publicly evince our appreciation of Adoptive Masonry."

I think this is the first instance where a Grand Commander of Knights Templar has ever recognized the Order Eastern Star in an official manner. Thanks to the Grand Commandery of Kansas for approving the same.

She reported progress in the matter of a Masonic Home, and because of the increase of chapters in that jurisdiction recommends the deputy system.

The Grand Patron's address shows that the office was not one of honor only.

Dispensations had been granted for thirty chapters and for the re-organization of one, most of which are reported to give promise of useful life.

The reports showed the balance in the treasury to be \$1377.31.

On Wednesday evening the work of initiation and the floral degree were exemplified by Rob Morris Chapter. With this all were delighted, and praises poured from every lip. The officers were dressed in their appropriate robes, and the appropriate emblems were used by all. Not once was a ritual referred to.

On Thursday morning the chapter of sorrow was given by the Grand Chapter, in memory of thirty-two Eastern Stars deceased within the past year. This was given in a very solemn and impressive manner, and surely, after witnessing this, none could fail to recognize the love and devotion bestowed upon those absent ones.

On Thursday evening the Grand Officers were publicly installed, and a short program carried out. Our beloved Grand Matron, Eudora E. Hall, was presented with a beautiful memento of her services. After this a business meeting was held, and about two o'clock all business being completed, Grand Chapter closed to meet the ensuing year in Topeka.

Before closing Grand Chapter, resolutions were offered that hereafter the entertaining chapter should not spread such an elaborate banquet; as it probably always leaves the treasury broken for about a year.

But Rob Morris Chapter desires to say that Pittsburg never does things by halves, and we have a nice little surplus left in the treasury after paying all the bills; and furthermore, this is the second banquet of the kind given within the past three months.

The following grand officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year:

Sister Carrie O. Getty, Grand Matron, Ellsworth; D. C. Battey, Grand Patron, Florence; Elizabeth Magie, Associate Grand Matron,

Pittsburg; Alfred Whitman, Associate Grand Patron, Lawrence; Myra Mottram, Grand Secretary, Ottawa, (re-elected); Jessie M. Pearsall, Grand Treasurer, (re-elected); Lettie Trouslet, Grand Conductress, Newton, (re-elected); Helen Farnsworth, Associate Grand Conductress, Topeka, (re-elected.)

ANNETTE MOORE, Sec.

IN MEMORIAM.

James P. Shmook, a charter member of Fern Chapter, No. 168 O. E. S., Cuba, Ill., was born in Fulton Co., Illinois, April 18, 1838, and died of cancer of the stomach, after a lingering illness, on the morning of March 17, 1892. He was married January 2, 1862, to Miss Sarah W. Weller. In the summer following he enlisted in Co., 103 Reg. Ill. Vol. Infantry, but was discharged in about one year on account of sickness. Brother Shmook was one of nature's noble, generous spirited souls. He was for near thirty years an active member of the Methodist Protestant Church, of which he was a free-handed supporter. His funeral took place at the Cuba Methodist Protestant Church, under charge of his pastor, after which the remains were taken in a special car, under charge of the Masonic Fraternity, to the Canton, Illinois cemetery, where both the Blue Lodges of Canton and Cuba, and the O. E. S. of both places united to do honor to his memory. His age was fifty-three years, six months and twenty-nine days.

MISSOURI.

At a stated meeting of Hesperia Chapter, held March 15, the following resolutions relative to the death of Brother John T. Eggers, were adopted:

WHEREAS, Dr. John T. Eggers, late a member of Hesperia Chapter, has departed this life after a long and painful illness, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Eggers during his lifetime, was an earnest and consistent exponent of the great principles of our Order, prominent as a citizen, able and distinguished as a member of his chosen profession, and influential and conspicuous in every avenue of life, to which his high character and eminent abilities called him; therefore be it

Resolved, That in his death, the Order of the Eastern Star, and society at large, have lost a faithful friend and brother, and the cause of progressive humanity, a devoted ally and champion.

Resolved, That we hereby extend to his stricken relatives our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of this chapter, that copies be furnished The Herald of Masonry, The Consellation and THE EASTERN STAR for publication, and that an engrossed copy be delivered to the family of the deceased.

MARY E. WAKEFIELD, }
SIDNEY SMITH, } Com.
M. BIGLEY. }

MICHIGAN.

Our chapter progresses slowly but surely. We ballotted on two petitions at our regular meeting, April 12. For the first time in its history of nearly five years, has the shadowy presence of the Great Reaper entered the fold of Iron Mountain Chapter. In His onward going He bore away one of our most devoted members. The following resolutions were adopted by Iron Mountain Chapter, No. 44, O. E. S.:

WHEREAS, The white-winged messenger has entered our chapter and broken our golden chain, by removing from our midst our worthy brother, Samuel H. Shiels.

WHEREAS, Our esteemed brother was a zealous and ardent member of our Order, faithful to any position of responsibility and trust, therefore be it

Resolved, That our chapter be draped in mourning for the space of thirty days, in memory of our deceased brother.

Resolved, That the chapter extend to the family and friends of our departed brother our heartfelt sympathy in this their sad bereavement.

May the parting be temporary and the meeting eternal, and let this be your consolation, that with quietness and confidence he waited the summons from our Heavenly Father to go to that new Jerusalem, that city not made with hands.

ALICE WICKS, }
HELEN COLBURN, } Com.
J. S. HATHAWAY. }

FEMININE POLITICAL ECONOMY.

[New York Sun.]

It came about in this way: The girls were talking about the flattering messages sent by the uptown ladies to the two girls who were doing the janitor's work so that her wages could be saved to the club.

Finally one girl said she wasn't so sure about its being a good thing. Girls who worked hard all day, she thought, ought not to be taking on more work after hours. Besides, there was Mrs. Flanagan, who needed the money. Sometimes it seemed almost wrong to save money.

This made a great outcry. If there was one lesson that was eloquently dwelt on in the club it was that of economy, the virtue of saving money. The girls were learning dress-making so that they could trim their own dresses, and millinery so that they could trim their own bonnets. This they pointed out. But the other girl said sometimes it seemed to her she had better be doing overwork, for then she would earn more and give some other girl her clothes to make, then she would be earning, too. It seemed to her that the greatest thing in the world would be to have everybody earning more. That would be better than saving money.

"But everybody knows that the way to get rich is to save. There was Peter Cooper, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Astor. That was the way they did."

"That is what they all tell us, but I don't believe they got rich by sticking to saving. I get along better than I used to. There was a time when I never had more than one dress a year, and I would contrive until I would get a blue ribbon for my waist and another for my neck and one for my hair. Although you may say I couldn't afford them I'll never forget the pleasure those ribbons gave me."

The girls didn't agree to this at all. They loved ribbons, of course, but everybody agreed that ribbons were not only an extravagance, but a foolish extravagance.

The other girl said she was not so sure of that, for in a far-off way she was keeping the

the girls who made the ribbons. The more ribbons that were worn the more the girls would have to do.

"But you can't be right, Maggie. Nobody talks that way," said in painful hesitation a girl who especially loved ribbons.

"Everybody says we must save. The way men get rich is by putting money in banks and letting it lie. Then when they get enough they can live on the interest of their money and not do anything."

The girl they called Maggie said that might happen to some people, but most folks had got to hustle if they wanted to get money, and a lot of people hadn't anything to hustle about.

"I was up to Cooper Union to a political meeting this fall," she said, "and a man there said the trouble was everybody was doing too much. The factories were so full that there were not enough people to buy what they made; so the stock stood and rotted and the men who owned it failed."

"That's true," said another girl, "for after the season closed my boss had his rooms stacked with cloaks that fairly rotted, and we were laid off for a couple of months."

"But it wasn't because there wasn't enough people to buy the cloaks, but because they couldn't buy them. Now if I could earn more, I'd have been one of his customers myself. I needed a cloak."

"But what would you have us do, Maggie, if we are not to be earning money?"

"I'm not saying that exactly. I'm only saying that I believe in doin', not savin'. I'm not settin' the world right. But if I had my way there would be plenty of work for everybody to do; then everybody could earn and everybody spend; then everybody would have to keep on working, earning, spending, and round and round we would all go earning, spending, working. Of course some people might not get so very rich, but we would all be better off; and as we kept going round, working, earning, spending, I believe we would all get lifted higher up, just as if we were all riding along on the thread of a screw."

"Oh, Maggie, you are such a girl for talk!"

A PLEASANT VISIT.

April 26, Tuscan, Bellefontaine and Occidental Chapters, St. Louis, tendered a reception to the Grand Officers of Missouri. The following Grand Officers were introduced by M. W. G. P., Benjamin Lynds: Mary E. Wakefield, G. M.; J. J. McElwee, G. P.; Sarah E. McCully, A. G. M.; Reuben Barney, A. G. P.; Noah M. Givan, P. G. P. After they were escorted to the East, they were addressed by John R. Parson, P. G. P., who welcomed our visitors. The G. M. responded in a very neat address, delivered in her sweet and ever pleasant style. Addresses were also made by Drs. McElwee and Barney, and Judge Givan, who spoke of the proposed Masonic Hospital.

A pleasing program was then rendered.

The evening's entertainment was closed

with refreshments. The G. M. was presented by Sister Dillon in behalf of Bellefontaine Chapter with a beautiful basket of flowers.

April 28, the Grand Officers were entertained by Venus Chapter in South St. Louis. The evening's entertainment began with a violin and banjo duett by Messers Reber and Wright. The following Grand Officers were then introduced by P. G. P., Jack P. Richardson: Mary E. Wakefield, G. M.; Sarah E. McCully, A. G. M.; Benjamin Lynds, M. W. G. P.; Mary C. Snedden, R. W. G. M.

Sister Reber, W. M. of Venus Chapter, welcomed them with the following address:

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Wakefield, in the name of Venus Chapter, I bid you a hearty and sincere welcome, and I am sure, when you return to your Western home you will often think of this Eastern city of our State. In our beautiful Order, we are glad to know that you occupy the East. It can be truthfully said that you have filled it with honor to the cause and credit to yourself. You have been invited to this chapter in the hope that many of the wives and daughters of Mason's families may look with favor upon this chapter and seek admission to the Order. As Venus often our evening star is represented in mythology as the goddess of beauty and love, and holding in her hand a mirror, may this symbolic mirror lead us to discover our own imperfections, rather than the shortcomings of our sisters and brothers.

"To thine own self be true, and it cannot be that thou wilt be false any man."

In conclusion, dear sister, we appreciate your coming among us, and hope you may have many years of usefulness in the Order of the Eastern Star.

The G. M. responded in a fitting address, and said that by dispensation from a member of this chapter, who was then G. M., she became a member of the Order.

Cora P. McPherson, P. G. M., in behalf of Venus Chapter, presented the G. M. with a St. Louis souvenir spoon, on which was engraved the Eads Bridge. This almost unnerved our G. M., but she proved equal to the occasion.

M. W., Sister Reber, then made the following address and presented P. G. M. McPherson, and P. G. P., J. P. Richardson, with elegant badges:

P. M. and P. P. of Venus Chapter—sister and brother. You have doubtless heard the statement, "that a prophet is not without honor, save in his own country and among his own people." We do not wish this to be the condition of our Past Grand Officers. They have both given to Venus Chapter efficient aid and encouragement, and that their devotion to the Order has elevated them above their sisters and brothers, we are not at all envious.

My sister, Cora McPherson, it is with pleasure I present to you this badge from Venus Chapter, to signify your rank in this Order. Be not weary and let your continued devotion to this Order testify this fact. For those taking the obligation will need your encouragement.

My brother, Jack P. Richardson, your being somewhat of an annual we are willing to condone, from the fact that you have been such a persistent "Jiner," that you could not be a regular at any one Order. You have been very kind to your sisters in assisting them when needed. Therefore I take pleasure in presenting to you this emblem of your rank in the Order of the Eastern Star.

An enjoyable program was then announced by the Patron, Chas. M. Foster.

Brother Lynds then made an address, giving the general outline of the growth of the Order. Brother Wakefield, being called upon, said this was his wife's night, but he made the members laugh at his witty remarks. Bro. Mayo said he and Dr. Black, of Gallatin, had by our rapid transit, reached Carondelet, so soon and was carried a mile beyond their destination. After they were refreshed with ice cream and cake they forgot their troubles.

S. E. D.

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was exemplified by Beulah Chapter in a very creditable manner. At 6:30 supper was served, which consisted of everything heart could wish for, on beautifully decorated tables. During the evening an entertainment was given by Beulah Chapter, which consisted of music, both comic and sentimental, recitations, statuary readings pantomimes, etc. After the close of this entertainment, cake ice cream and strawberries were served, when we were distributed among the members of Beulah Chapter for the night. On Friday morning dinner was served in the chapter-rooms, after which the members of Madison Chapter started for home accompanied as far as Eagan by about twenty members of Beulah Chapter. We arrived home thoroughly convinced, that the members of Beulah Chapter are royal entertainers.

TEXAS.

Gate City Chapter, Denison, at its regular meeting, April 1, received four petitions, and on April 15, they were duly initiated. This was followed by an elegant banquet. The tables were set in the form of a star and were beautifully decorated with palms and growing plants. As it was the "Easter season," the symbolic custom was most prettily carried out with eggs hidden in each napkin, and all in the different colors of the Order. Strawberries and cream was served, and a very pleasant feature of the evening was the selection offered by the present and two Past Matrons, in a tribute to each of the heroines of our Order, which was nicely rendered and heartily enjoyed. Other pleasant and entertaining toasts were given, also a tribute to the founder of the Order. The evening was one of especial pleasure.

WASHINGTON.

At the regular meeting of Lorraine Chapter, Seattle, held April 20, four were initiated, after which a literary and musical program was rendered, followed by refreshments.

WISCONSIN.

May 21, Tomah Chapter initiated two candidates. An auxiliary has been organized, which will meet during the summer on the third Saturday of each month. Also a club will be formed for the study and practice of parliamentary rules.

A chapter was organized April 28, at Viroqua, with sixty-three petitioners by G. M., Mary H. Martin. She says: "I predict for this chapter a bright and prosperous future." It is composed of energetic, enthusiastic people. Sister L. R. Golt, W. M.; M. C. Bergh, W. P.

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The call is made for a Convention to be held at Colorado Springs, to organize a Grand Chapter of Colorado, on June 6 to 9.

Agents wanted in every jurisdiction, and in every chapter, to whom liberal commissions will be allowed. Write for particulars.

The readers of THE EASTERN STAR will bear in mind that Chapter supplies of any and every kind can be ordered by writing to the paper.

Past Patron Manning, of Lake City Chapter, Michigan City, was made Eminent Commander of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, at its annual meeting in April.

Will the subscribers please notify us promptly when the paper fails to reach them, that we may ascertain the cause of its failure to do so, and supply the missing number.

Sister Helen Eastman, Worthy Matron of Electa Chapter, Peoria, Ill., gave an informal reception on the evening of May 27, to sisters Lorraine J. Pitkin and Marguerite Kley, of Chicago.

The meeting of the General Grand Chapter will be held in Columbus, Ohio, September 15, 16 and 17, and the R. W. Grand Secretary is sending circulars, a copy of which appears in this issue.

Sister Jennie Myerhoff, of Evansville, Grand Conductress of the Grand Chapter of this State, looked in upon us between trains. She had been to Ohio on W. R. C. business and was homeward bound.

Sister Sue M. Simpson, Past Grand Matron of Illinois, has assumed charge of the department in The Illinois Freemason, devoted to the O. E. S. THE EASTERN STAR extends congratulations and best wishes.

The Grand Chapter of Washington will hold its fourth annual meeting at Spokane, June 13. It would give me real pleasure to respond in person to the card of invitation, but distance and duty forbids it at present.

During the recent meeting of the Grand Lodge, F. and A. M., in this city, the office of THE EASTERN STAR was visited by quite a number of the brethren, which was greatly appreciated, and we say come again, and more of you.

We make our "thank you," to Brother James B. Merritt, of San Francisco, for the proceedings of the Grand Consistory of California, and are glad to note that our brother holds second place in the roster of Grand Officers.

The Grand Chapter of Indian Territory, will meet in Guthrie, June 8, and I appreciate the personal invitations that preceded the card, but to this also, I must send regrets. I trust that in the future this pleasure is in store for me.

To Brother John R. Parson, Past Grand Patron of Missouri, has come an added and deserved honor. At its recent Convention, the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons elected him to the position of Grand High Priest, and we all rejoice to see him honored.

A petition has been received for a chapter at Salt Lake City, Utah, with eighty-nine signatures, and will bear the name of the Most Worthy Grand Patron—Lynds. Hester P. Brown, Worthy Matron; Samuel Paul, Worthy Patron; Mary C. Grant, Associate Matron.

A voice from Kansas says: "Mrs. Carrie O. Getty, the new Grand Matron, is certainly the sweetest, most dignified, brightest and altogether lovely lady I ever met. A more gifted speaker, I never heard. Her response to the address of welcome was very beautiful."

SISTERS—Do you want some handsome visiting cards—O. E. S. monogram embossed in gilt, with name, residence and name of chapter to which you belong? Well, send eight yearly subscribers to THE EASTERN STAR and in return receive a hundred beautiful cards.

Brother Sidney Smith, editor of Iowa Freemasonry, has taken unto himself an helpmeet, and Miss Laura E. Brown has become Mrs. Sidney Smith. THE EASTERN STAR wishes that the Brown-Smith combination may be a happy one, and that the journey matrimonial may be unalloyed.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of New York will be held in the Commandery-room of the Masonic Temple, June 7, 8 and 9. An invitation to attend

is received, and the remembrance is appreciated with keen regret at inability to personally participate.

The sisters and brothers who so kindly furnish items, will bear in mind that in order to insure insertion, they must reach here not later than the twenty-fifth of each month. Articles must be received by the 15th. Some items came in too late this month, which we exceedingly regret.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, will be held in Grand Island, and will open on the evening of June 14. Invitations are extended, and one has just reached this desk. The many pleasant memories of the meeting of one year ago, causes a great desire to attend, but duty demands our presence elsewhere.

The Grand Chapter of Kansas is to be represented at the World's Fair by an emblematic painting. The portrait of Robert Morris will be the main feature of the design, and it will be encircled by a chapter Star for every chapter, with its name and number in that jurisdiction, and will be framed from wood grown in the State. "The painting will be placed in the Woman's Building during the World's Fair—after the close of the Fair, to be placed in the Capitol Building at Topeka.

Sister Sallie E. Dillon, Grand Secretary of Missouri, has been called upon to mourn the loss of her father, John L. Moore, of St. Louis. He had reached the age of seventy-three, and has been for some time an invalid. He was for forty-seven years connected with the foundry interests of that city, and during the war he was connected with a company that built the gun-boats Shiloh, Etlat, Indianola and Chillicothe. In this bereavement, our sister has the sympathy of her Eastern Star friends.

Be it known to the readers of THE EASTERN STAR and whomsoever else it may concern, that I am now prepared to furnish chapter blanks, print By-Laws, cards, and anything necessary for chapter use, as also to furnish all chapter supplies of whatever nature. I trust that my sisters of the Order will favor me with a share of their patronage and I assure them that I will endeavor to fill all orders with promptness and satisfaction. It is a sisters effort, and should receive the recognition and patronage of the sisterhood.

NETTIE RANSFORD.

The History of Freemasonry and Concordant Orders, which has been noticed in these columns, and the advertisement of which appears elsewhere in this paper, is a work which should receive the attention of the members of the Masonic Fraternity, as also of the members of the Order Eastern Star. Again and again has inquiry reached us regarding the history of our

Order. The knowledge can be gained from this work. Great care has been exercised in its preparation in the several departments presented, and any desiring knowledge in this direction, can make no better investment than to purchase the work. It is the desire of the Fraternity Publishing Company to secure agents in different localities. Surely there are those among our Order, to whom a situation of this kind will be acceptable. Any desiring terms and territory address the Company at 36 Broomfield St., Boston, Mass.

A PLEASANT AND INSTRUCTIVE GATHERING.

In response to an invitation from Central City Chapter, Peoria, Illinois, I had the pleasure of attending a meeting on the evening of May 26. Invitations had been extended to the Grand Matron, Sister Jane Ricketts, and to six chapters situated conveniently near that city, and representatives from five responded—Wyoming, Washington, Farmington, Dwight, and Martha Washington. As guests there were also present, Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. Grand Secretary, and Sister Marguerite Kley, Past Matron of Miriam Chapter, Chicago. Sister Mary McCorkle, District Deputy, was among the visitors from Wyoming, and she, with sisters Ransford, Ricketts, Pitkin and Simpson, were accorded the honor due their official stations.

The chapter holds its meetings in Masonic Temple, and has a very nice room for work, beside the banquet-rooms, parlor, etc., are convenient and commodious.

The supper preceded the meeting, and the tables were very prettily laid, there were five and each had an especial color of a star point for its napkin, with floral favors also of the especial color. One thing peculiarly unique and particularly attractive, was the O. E. S. and Masonic pitchers, which were made at the pottery in that city, and was the gift of a brother. Upon the sides of each pitcher was the emblematic star, and the other the square and compasses, while the top bore the name and number of the Chapter and Lodge.

The banquet was in keeping with all else—excellent.

After the feast, the gavel called the goodly company together and Sister Mann, Worthy Matron, bade them welcome. Following the opening, two candidates received the degrees, the work being beautifully and impressively rendered, no rituals being used and every officer enunciating clearly and distinctly enough to be heard by all—an especially commendable feature.

The chapter was closed, and the officers robed and gave the Floral Work. Sister Mann is Worthy Matron of the chapter, but Past Matron Marteeny, officiated as Worthy Matron in the Floral Work, which was exceptionally well given, the marches following the work, and the figures formed were beautiful and beautifully executed.

The Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Matron, were each the recipient of a lovely basket of flowers.

Remarks were made by sisters Ricketts, Ransford and Pitkin.

"Ruth and Naomi" was pleasingly sung, and even at midnight they seemed loth to part. Central City is the home chapter of Sue M. Simpson, with whom I was at home during my stay.

OUR FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

With this issue we enter upon our fifth year. Faithfully and earnestly have we tried to gather from the scattered fields, to separate the chaff from the wheat, and to offer only such gleanings as should be pure, true and useful. The work was begun with many misgivings, appreciating the responsibilities that awaited such an undertaking, and fully conscious of the fact that in this line of work we were inexperienced. Yet the hope was "that by the aid of our sisters and brothers, and the favor of God, we should not prove ourselves" wholly unequal to the duties that might meet us day by day.

The membership of the Order was large and constantly increasing, and it seemed "meet, right and proper" that it should have an organ devoted to its interests. While the Order was not a woman's order, it was organized for her benefit, not alone to gratify the social interests, but to enlarge the possibilities for her welfare in a practical sense. Considering this, it seemed also in keeping, that sisters should enter the field as co-laborers with the Masonic brother, and give to the Order an organ managed and controlled by sisters. The field was unoccupied, yet it seemed ready for the harvest and only waiting for the laborers.

And so, we entered the field and endeavored, like Ruth of old, by patient industry, gathering here a little, and there a little, to present from month to month, handfuls to the waiting readers.

We brought to the work an earnest love for the principles taught by the heroines of the Order, and many years of faithful, unselfish labor in the cause. No demand was ever made upon time, strength and means, that was not honored on demand to the full extent of our ability. Thus was the beginning. What of the journey, and what of the harvest?

The journey has been varied as are all life's journeys by shadow and sunshine. Shadow, not because of the unceasing labor required in carrying forward the work, but that in many instances the sisters were not as responsive as they should be, and many did not seem to think that a better knowledge of the extent of the Order was in the least degree necessary, sufficient to them was the glimmer of their own wee star, and the knowledge of the aims and efforts of their own individual lives. They are unconsciously defrauding themselves of much that would be helpful to them and to others.

The sunshine has been brightest when through the efforts and the influence of the paper good has been accomplished, and there are many faithful ones who, through the four

years, have been constant and untiring in sending clothing for this child of their adoption, and have also not forgotten the where-withall for the food and shelter. In all the length and breadth of this land, wherever our Star shines, there are those to whom the child is indebted for kindly remembrance, and she is in nowise ungrateful nor unmindful of the favors that have been shown her, and endeavors to reciprocate whenever opportunity offers.

The harvest has not been over-abundant, and there are still fields where much seed-planting and watering has failed to yield a return. But the future is before us and hope still points to greener fields just ahead, and by faith we see our sisters taking this young child by its hand, and leading it safely along the highway with fields where the gleaner drops handfuls for its ingathering and the home-coming gladdens the heart of Naomi.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER CIRCULAR.

CHICAGO, ILL., MAY 1, 1892.

To all Grand and Subordinate Chapters of the O. E. S. greeting:

There will be a meeting of the General Grand Chapter, Order Eastern Star, in the city of Columbus, Ohio, commencing on Thursday morning, September 15, at 10 o'clock.

"The membership of the General Grand Chapter consists of the officers elected, appointed and installed, the delegates present at, and participating in its organization, all Grand Matrons, Grand Patrons, Associate Grand Matrons, Associate Grand Patrons, of the several Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction."

"Each officer and member of the General Grand Chapter must be an active member of some subordinate chapter."

"A proxy must be a member in good standing in some legally constituted chapter within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter, whose officer or officers he or she represents, and must be a member of such Grand Chapter."

"The only persons entitled to appoint proxies to represent them in the General Grand Chapter are the Grand Matron, Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, and Associate Grand Patron."

"Each subordinate chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, in States and Territories where less than five subordinate chapters exist, are entitled to one representative in the General Grand Chapter."

The full particulars regarding headquarters and railroad rates will be furnished in a subsequent circular.

MRS. NETTIE RANSFORD,
M. W. Grand Matron.
BENJAMIN LYNS,
M. W. Grand Patron.
MRS. MARY C. SNEDDEN,
R. W. A. Grand Matron.
JAMES R. DONNELL,
R. W. A. Grand Patron.
LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
R. W. Grand Secretary.

GLEANINGS.

ARKANSAS.

Bro. W. T. McCoy, D. D. G. P. of the 17th District, reports that he has visited a goodly number of the chapters in his District, and reports them prospering and conferring our degrees in a highly satisfactory manner. He makes special mention of the excellent work of New Life Chapter. New Life is the home chapter of Sister Jane Armstrong, our Grand Esther, who is also W. M. of the chapter.

Harrison Chapter held an unexpected stated meeting May 9, at 8 p. m., in the Masonic Hall at Harrison. It was unexpected because the morning brought with it a heavy rain, which promised to continue throughout the day, but shortly after noon the clouds vanished and the sun shone bright and clear, and as the weather favored us we had a most excellent meeting. The degrees were conferred on Bro. and Sister G. A. Gambol, the lessons taught at the points of the star were never more beautifully given. At our next meeting the election of officers will take place and probably installation. Two more were elected to take the degrees, and as the pastor of the C. P. Church, Rev. Richey, wife and daughter, who have just come into our midst from West Plains, Mo., will be with us as visitors, we anticipate a pleasant meeting in June. Bro. Richey has been W. P. of the chapter at West Plains, where he has resided for a number of years. Harrison Chapter will extend them a hearty welcome.

CONNECTICUT.

Meridian Chapter, Meriden, met April 21, initiated one candidate, elected two, and received one petition. At the close of the chapter, about twenty members proceeded to the home of Brother and Sister C. G. Atkins, in honor of their twenty-fifth anniversary. In appreciation of her services connected with the Order they presented Sister Atkins with a set of sterling silver spoons. They were completely surprised, and notwithstanding our sudden intrusion, we were treated to refreshments. Miss Harriet Graves sang and entertained at the piano, and the evening was spent in social intercourse. A goodly number were present.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD:—The officers of the Grand Chapter were invited to visit Meridian Chapter, Meriden, on the evening of May 19. Nine responded to the call. We were received in a cordial manner, made to feel at home, and hospitably entertained. The only regret of those present seemed to be for the sisters and brothers who had not availed themselves of the privilege to be present and enjoy the festivities of the occasion. One very neat thing struck us as being unique and pretty. As each guest unfolded their napkin they found a handsome souvenir in the form of one of the symbols of the Order, made from paper and prettily gilded. The feeling of each guest seemed to be, long live Meridian Chapter, and all the people said amen. F. R. M.

CALIFORNIA.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—Thinking a few Star glimmerings from this side of the continent might be of interest to your readers, I am prompted to write you. The annual visit of our W. G. M. was on the evening of April 12. In her official capacity she came among us, and criticised our work, but as a sister shared the glad welcome and good cheer in later hours, when all were gathered at the loaded banquet-table to partake of its many blessings, and to listen to the good things said by many brothers and sisters, who can talk as well as eat. There was Bro. Geo. Lord, one of our oldest Masons both physically and fraternally, being ninety-two years old the 27th of May, and a Mason since 1828, who is an excellent speaker, then Thomas J. Wilson, P. P., and J. D. Osterhorst, present Patron, both heavy weights in all that goes to finish the perfect banquet. But to speak of each and all would be too tiresome, but each nevertheless helped to make the occasion one to be long remembered by Sister Mattie E. Farnam, our W. G. M., as also those who are links in our own golden chain. Hoping that all chapters are moving forward to success and perpetuity we subscribe ourselves fraternally.

Mrs. ANNA G. PIERCE, Sec.

Oak Leaf Chapter, Oakland, celebrated the twentieth year of its existence April 28. The chapter-room was tastily decorated by the skilled hands of the sisters, and an elegant banquet prepared, at which the young ladies took an active part, and the tables groaned with the supplies for the inner man. A literary and musical program had been prepared, interspersed by remarks from the charter members, of which only ten of the twenty-six are spared to the chapter. At the close of the program the W. M., Dora E. Craig, read the inclosed beautiful tribute to the chapter, and presented each of the ten remaining members who were present at the institution of the Order in Oakland, with a beautiful cup and saucer, and the chapter with a lovely majolica bowl for the use of flowers on the Matron's stand in the East. Many visitors were present and a social time was enjoyed. On account of the death of three members, two of whom were buried on that day, our hearts were sad, and no dancing was indulged in.

M. E. P.

The following is the address of the W. M.: SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—I presume you all know that to-day is the 20th anniversary of the organization of our Star.

Twenty years ago a few congenial spirits met at the residence of Mr. Whiteher, cor. 9th and Washington Sts. and organized Oak Leaf Chapter, of that band of friends but few are with us to-night, some have demitted and others have moved away, but the majority of them have been called by the Ruler of the universe, to their eternal home beyond the skies, where we feel sure they are free from the perplexing cares, trials and sufferings incident to this world. How very many happy hours they and we have spent within the precincts of our chapter-room during the many years that have passed. Let us hope that our chapter will live a great many more fifths of

centuries, and be a source of usefulness, joy and happiness to its members. The measure of its usefulness and happiness depends upon each individual member. As we start upon this second twenty years of chapter life, let us each resolve to do our whole duty, and strive to make our chapter an ideal one. I know we will all be amply repaid for our efforts in the results obtained.

To the few remaining charter members, Sister and Brother Charles Butterfield, Sister and Brother Lentell, Sister and Brother Rosenberg, Sister and Brother Hewer, Sisters Salem, Adderson, and Ricka Heishburg, we extend to each of you our cordial greeting, in this your twentieth anniversary as loyal and warm workers in this grand and good Order. We can hardly expect all of you to be with, the chapter twenty years hence, but we do hope that your lives will be spared for many years to come, that you will continue the same earnest workers that you have always been. Accept this simple little gift as a token of our esteem for you. May your "cup of happiness" always be full.

IOWA.

April 27, Harmony Chapter, Council Bluffs, held a special meeting for the initiation of three candidates, followed by refreshments in the dining-hall. A large number of visitors were over from Vesta Chapter, Omaha, Neb., and a general good time was the result.

At its regular meeting, May 19, Harmony Chapter balloted on seven petitions, and received two more.

May 20, the G. M., Maria Jackson, instituted Laura Chapter at Ames, with thirty charter members. This promises to be a very bright chapter with a good corps of officers. Sister B. E. Stevens, W. M.; Dr. C. E. Hunt, W. P.; Sister L. Bosworth, A. M.; Susie Perkins, Sec.; Maria Ferguson, Treas.; Grace Maxwell, C.; Alma Beck, A. C. Three more chapters will be constituted in the next few days, but too late for this publication. M. J.

Sister Bader, W. M. of Clinton Chapter, was thrown from a safety and broke her arm (below the elbow.) On Tuesday night, May 10, our chapter gave an entertainment and social, and Sister Bader was there with her arm in a sling and gave a recitation—pretty brave I call it. The year with us in the chapter has been very prosperous, although our W. P., Bro. Lea, has not been able to meet with us once since he was installed, on account of sickness. H.

INDIANA.

Queen Esther Auxiliary met with Ruth—Mrs. Lizzie Crowe—at its first meeting in May, and although "the rains descended," the sisters heeded it not, feeling that the pleasure of meeting was worth braving the storm.

Queen Esther Auxiliary served the dinner for the Masonic Veteran Association on May 25, and about fifty veterans partook. All pronounced the dinner excellent and well served, and the sisters feel somewhat proud to know that their efforts gave satisfaction, which is particularly evidenced by the fact of being called upon each year successively to serve for these annual gatherings.

Westfield Chapter, Westfield, was consti-

tuted and its officers installed May 21, by Nettie Ransford, P. G. M. The meeting was a pleasant one, and much interest was manifested in the work. More elaborate preparation had been anticipated, but sickness and circumstances prevented fixing the time, and at too late an hour to arrange for anything special, it was decided to "place the chapter in working order, leaving the rest for a future occasion.

At the regular meeting of Queen Esther Chapter, held May 20, it was presented with high-back chairs of the appropriate color, and new stands for the Star points, and beautiful covers for the stands—the chairs and stands were the gift of the auxiliary, and in the absence of the President, Adel L. Hayes, the presentation was made by the Secretary, Lizzie J. Smythe. The stand covers were the gift of Laura E. DeRuiter, one of Queen Esther's faithful members.

Several wedding anniversaries crowded themselves upon the members of Queen Esther Chapter during the past month. Past Matron Blodgett and husband were surprised on their twentieth anniversary, by a goodly number of the members calling to spend the evening, and leaving as a remembrance of the visit, some pieces of china. Ruth, of Queen Esther, Sister Lizzie J. Crowe, and husband, reached their tenth mile-stone in the journey matrimonial, and a few of the members went to wish them many happy returns. Past Patron Barrows and wife, counted twenty-seven years since they plighted their troth. May many more years be added, even to count the golden wedding.

Ruth Chapter, Peru, was constituted, and its officers were installed on the evening of May 14, by Nettie Ransford, P. G. M., assisted by Mary A. Gould, W. M. of Randolph Chapter, Moberly, Mo. Although this chapter has not yet reached the age of three months, it has reached a marked degree of proficiency. Following the installation, three candidates were initiated, and the work was exceptionally well rendered, the Conductress going through the labyrinth without an error, and rituals being noticeable by their absence, most of the officers discarding them altogether. No less perfect in every appointment was the banquet which followed, and the spirit of earnestness which prevailed, insures for Ruth Chapter a long, useful and happy life.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD:—I promised myself that when Terre Haute Chapter provided anything unusual, THE EASTERN STAR should be notified. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was a full attendance upon the chapter last Tuesday evening. Terre Haute Chapter feels honored indeed, by the selection a second time, of a Grand Matron from among the bright links of our golden chain. Sister Eva M. Hollinger, Grand Matron of Indiana, was present (as she always is) at the communication of the chapter, and was introduced and received with the grand honors. Several candidates being in waiting, were introduced and made members of the

Order. After a short intermission the chapter proceeded to close, when a reception to the Grand Matron was held. A charming musicale, interspersed with recitations, was given, after which cake and ice cream was served. The Grand Matron was presented with an exquisite bouquet, composed of passion flowers and rose buds, a like one was presented to our Worthy Matron, Mary H. Lawrence. After refreshments the remainder of the evening was spent in sociability. Thus at midnight closed an evening well spent, although it was raining furiously, and being without an escort—brother being absent from the city—myself and another star of the same magnitude, sped over to the National House, and waited some little time until a hack could be procured, when we went on our way rejoicing.

S. E. A.

May 13, Waveland Chapter extended an invitation to Athens Chapter, Crawfordsville, to become their guests and witness the Floral Work. The weather tried its best to keep the Athens people at home, but they went, forty-six strong, as merry a party as ever the sun shone upon, thus proving that it would take more than an ordinary rain to put out the Eastern Star at Crawfordsville. Through the courtesy of the Vandalia Railroad, a car was placed at the service of the party, with the privilege of returning by the midnight freight. And the royal welcome and graceful entertainment given them repaid the most delicate for braving the stormy day to enjoy it. The Floral Work was very beautifully given, and though the chapter expressed itself as greatly hampered by lack of proper room, the visitors certainly saw no lack in any department of the work. The supper which followed, was a piece of "floral work" in itself, the tables being handsomely decorated with flowers, and a dainty souvenir of lilies of the valley laid upon each plate, causing the guests to wonder where in the world they ever got so many flowers in such an inclement season! After supper the company returned to the chapter-hall, and were entertained with short speeches concluding with a short address by the W. P., of Waveland Chapter, the solemn sweetness of whose words will not be forgotten. Midnight saw the Athens brothers and sisters on their homeward way, and a merry trip they had, cheering the hour with songs and jests, such as the sober old railroad has seldom heard, and causing a chance traveler who did not belong to the Order to remark that those "Star folks must be the happiest set in the world!" And happy they were, being more deeply impressed than ever before, with the beauty and nobility of the fraternal tie which unites the brotherhood and sisterhood, and, however the world may regard it, means something more and greater than any tie of mere acquaintanceship, and brings those otherwise widely separated, in such close union that they may lovingly give to each other, "Sympathy in their sorrows, and aid in their misfortunes."

M. D. B.

ILLINOIS.

Miriam Chapter, Chicago, met in regular session May 14. A large delegation was present from chapters in the city and vicinity. Sister L. J. Pitkin was present by invitation, and gave a short history of the chapter in its early day. Miriam Family No. 111 was organized October 6, 1866, with Sister Pitkin one of its charter members. March 4, 1869, a petition signed by seven members of this organization was sent to Robt. Macoy, of New York, for a charter to be issued to Miriam Chapter No. 1, of Illinois, which was done. The chapter was organized and Sister Pitkin demitted April 7, '69. Early in 1879, when Sister Pitkin was G. M. of Illinois, she asked Bro. Macoy to aid her in reaching all the chapters in the State which he had organized prior to that time, to which request he responded at once, sending 167 dispensations which he held where charters had been issued, the original dispensation to Miriam Chapter No. 1, of Chicago, being among the number. She felt that perhaps the chapter would appreciate this old document, and so decided to present it to them, which she did at this meeting, and she also wished that Robt. Macoy, of New York, have full credit for making it possible that Miriam Chapter should be in possession of this document through her. Bro. Geo. Howerson, W. P., accepted the document in behalf of the chapter in a very feeling and appreciative manner, and as a token of the confidence and esteem in which the sister is held by Miriam Chapter, Marguerite A. Kley moved that Sister Pitkin be made an honorary member. The latter preferring a secret ball ballot, the same was spread, and a unanimous vote announced. Sister Kley was W. M. in 1877 at the time that members of Miriam Chapter petitioned the Grand Chapter of Illinois for a chapter to be named Queen Esther Chapter, of which Sister Pitkin was the first W. M. Sister Kley was made, by a unanimous vote, a life member of Miriam Chapter.

M.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—It affords me considerable gratification to be able to report having organized another new chapter, this time at McHenry. I had visited that picturesque town about a month ago, and stated matters, and on May 18, all preliminaries having been arranged, I went there, accompanied by sisters Lane, Sheffield, Haggan, Howells, Sands, Webb, and Bro. Howison, from this section, and was joined at McHenry by sisters Frayne, Wilcox, Outhouse, and Bros. Stillson and Wilcox of Elgin, Sister Holmes, of Turner, and Sister Goldsmith, of Sac City, Iowa. All were met at the depot by busses and taken to the homes of several members of the chapter to be when the somewhat necessary ceremony of eating supper was performed, after which busses collected the visitors and petitioners to the hall. Bro. Howison, D. G. P., myself, G. Mar., Sister Sands, G. Sec.; having declared McHenry Chapter duly instituted, I assumed the duty of instruction in the ritual work, with the assistance of sisters from the several

chapters represented. The chapter was opened in full form, and two members of the new chapter were duly initiated in a highly creditable manner, all the officers doing their part to render the ceremony impressive. There were thirty-two charter members, and all were delighted with the work, and manifested a lively interest in the proceedings. The new chapter is officered by Julia A. Story, W. M.; E. Owen, W. P.; Jennie B. Owen, A. M.; Grace Stevens, Con.; Amy Owen, A. C.; Sister Van Slyke, Sec.; Sophy Beasley, Treas.; N. Carrie Wait, A.; Kate Howe, R.; Ella Parker, E.; Hattie Owen, E.; Hulda Covil, War.; Frank McComber, Sen. The ceremonies concluded, all were conducted to the dining-room of the River Side Hotel, where an elaborate repast served to refresh the participants, we then adjourned to the parlors and were agreeably entertained by recitations by Miss Grace Stevens and Mr. Christy, and vocal selections rendered by a fine quartette. Speech-making was indulged in by all present, congratulating the new members and prophesying every success for the new chapter. In the morning the officers and members assembled at the hall for the purpose of instruction, and I left feeling that McHenry Chapter was in good hands, and with a brilliant prospect before it. Owing to the heavy rain and bad roads, a number from Helbron Chapter were unable to attend as expected. I received letters of regret at inability to accept my invitation to attend and assent from sisters Sutton, W. M. of Miriam; Koch, W. M. of Lake View; McClellan, W. M. of Queen Esther; Tolles, W. M. of Theodosia; Carson, W. M. of Butler; Chester, A. G. S. I hope to be able to report several new chapters before our next Grand Chapter.

LIZZIE U. WINSHIP, D. G. M. 1st Dist.

At their first regular meeting, Forestville Chapter, Chicago, extended a special invitation to their honorary members, Sister Marguerite Kley, Brother and Sister Eager and Sister Carrie, of Miriam Chapter, also to Sister Lorraine Pitkin, R. W. G. S., and Sister Chamberlain, of Maple Chapter. After initiation ceremonies the chapter was closed and an informal program was given. After songs and recitations by members of Forestville Chapter, Sister Chamberlain, by request, recited the poem, "My Faith I Plight," in an admirable manner. She was followed by an address from Sister Marguerite Kley, which I think is worthy of space in your column. Sister Kley has proven herself a sister in deed as well as word. When the clouds hung heavily over us, she extended the helping hand, and stood by us like a "granite rock," until we have anchored safely, and now feel that we have a footing equal to any sister chapter in the State. Lorraine Pitkin was then unexpectedly called upon, and over equal to the emergency, she responded in her own piquant, pleasant and peculiar style, captivating the hearts of all her hearers. After a merry time in the dining-room over cake and ice cream, the evening's entertain-

ment came to a close all too soon. Come again sisters, come again. While we are young in years, and few in numbers, we are, I assure you, abounding in hospitality, and any and all sisters or brothers will here find a warm welcome at Forestville Chapter.

The following is the address delivered by Sister Kley:

Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Sisters and Brothers of Forestville Chapter, I was very much surprised when informed that I was to talk to you for five minutes to-night. I can say to you that it is not much trouble for me to talk even longer than that sometimes, but to interest you, is quite an undertaking for me, however, I will do the best I can.

You all know that I am always pleased to meet with Forestville Chapter, and as I am an honorary member here, am interested in your welfare. I was present and assisted in your organization, and up to the present time have visited you many times. And I can sincerely congratulate you for the manner in which the ritual work is rendered, and upon your prosperity in one short year, and I would say to you, keep on in the good work.

We are living in an age in which nothing is received in trust, and when we assert of anything that there is merit in it, immediately there is clamor for proof, and in the merit of our Order we can give no better assurance than by daily exemplifying in our lives the principles taught in our chapter lessons.

We are constantly under the surveillance of the critical eye of the doubting ones of the fraternity to which we claim relationship and, my sisters let us daily live in such a manner that we prove ourselves worthy of the recognition and protection we ask, thereby placing the Order of the Eastern Star side by side with the most honored institution of our land and an attitude worthy of attainment. My sisters, the time in reaching the high position is for us to determine. Our Order is daily rising, and that we have outlived the storm of prejudice that was hurled upon us is true, and this proves the worth of the organization. Let us, with united efforts, take up some subject for which to labor.

We do not wish to be a mere social band, we should be building some monument that will stand to tell the future generations that we of to-day lived and labored in the service of humanity.

Looking into the future we see thousands of Stars in the State, and millions in the Union. We are the pioneers sowing the seeds for others to build upon and beautify. Our principles are from God's Word, and the family can meet around the altar wedding a golden chain that reaches from earth to heaven. We, the present links, may fall, but our principles are as lasting as granite rock. Then sisters and brothers take fresh courage, warm zeal, and firm determination, to do the work assigned you, ever remembering that any position in the Order of the Eastern Star is honorable, so

"Dare to do right: dare to be true,
You have a work that no other can do,
Do it so bravely, so nobly so well
That angels will hasten the story to tell."

I thank you for your attention, and wishing you prosperity in the future, I trust we will always remember to love one another.

MICHIGAN.

The committee appointed to revise the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of Grand and Subordinate Chapters in Michigan, will meet in the city of Hastings, June 7, at nine o'clock a. m., and continue in session until the work is completed.

Recently Sister J. M. Rowan, G. E. of the G. C., during a visit to P. G. M., Sister Davidson, Grand Rapids, paid a visit to Oriental Chapter, and found a most efficient set of officers clad in magnificent robes—the only set in the State—the work is rendered entirely without the aid of rituals. Peninsula Chapter, of the same city, was also visited. Eight were initiated and no rituals were used. There were seventy present, and the entire work was beautifully rendered.

MINNESOTA.

May 9, Andrew P. Swannstrom, W. G. P., assisted by members of Jasper Chapter, Rush City, organized Jessamine Chapter at Taylor's Falls, with twenty-six members.

Constellation Chapter, St. Paul, has contributed a piano to the new Masonic quarters. This chapter is enjoying an era of success, and has added stands and emblems for the Star.

Sister and Brother Gerrish, of Minnehaha Chapter, Minneapolis, celebrated their twenty-fifth marriage anniversary, May 11, at Easthagan Hall. There was a large gathering and the hall was beautifully decorated with potted plants. A very pleasant program was rendered, and the couple was the recipients of many handsome presents. An elegant banquet followed, and the company dispersed wishing many returns.

MONTANA.

Ruth Chapter, Butte City, is steadily progressing. At a recent meeting, after initiation of one candidate, all who could remain, repaired to the dining-room. The committee on entertainment made the announcement that "light refreshments would be served," and when the dining-room was reached, forty plates were found laid upon the table bottom side up; on each was placed a small colored candle lighted; the center of the table was also decorated with colored lights, on a glass dish from the center of which stood a huge bouquet. After some pleasantry was indulged in, speeches were called for, and responses given by Fred McDonald and T. C. Porter. These brethren are noted for their silver-tongued oratory, on any and all occasions, but on the latter, quite surpassed any previous one. Cake and lemonade was served, and all called it a pleasantly spent evening.

MAINE.

Every member of our beloved Order who has its interest at heart is always glad to hear of its prosperity. It is certainly prospering in "the old Pine Tree" State. It was of slow growth after its first start. Whereas, when Electa Chapter, of Bowdoinham was instituted in 1888 there was but one chapter in the State—Adah, of Biddeford—to-day there are eleven links in our chain. The Eastern Star has evidently come to stay.

Pioneer, Lisbon Falls, No. 11, was organized April 30, by Worthy Deputy, F. K. Jack, of Bowdoinham, assisted by Worthy Deputy, H. O. Hawes, of Hollowell, and the members of Electa Chapter. In December we assisted Queen Esther, of Hollowell, on its way. These

were very enjoyable occasions and long to be remembered. We hope the day is not far distant when in some part of our State we shall hear of "chapter No. 12." E. J. S.

MISSOURI.

The following chapters have been organized since last Grand Chapter in August: Morrisville, Lockwood, Garden City, Golden Rod, Seneca; Seligman, Savannah, Point Pleasant, Moella, Princeton; Queen City, Springfield; Jewell, Barnard; Buffalo, Mt. Zion, Thayer; Mizpah, Boliver; Marshfield, Charity, Sarcocie; Fostoria, Calhoun.

Our Home is growing so rapidly. A new addition has been added for indigent brethren. Services are held every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, under the auspices of some Lodge, which provides them with a speaker and the music. We have now in the Home over fifty persons including adults and children. The children are so intelligent and smart. They attend the Dozier school, and bring splendid records of the same.

The leap-year party given by Harmony Chapter on the 10th instant, was a most gratifying success. The ladies exercised the leap-year prerogative very freely, and as a result over two hundred were in attendance. Strofe's auditorium was profusely decorated with potted plants, flowers and trailing vines. The music, furnished by Rose's Orchestra, was exceptionally good—or to put it as one delighted sister expressed it, it was "just too sweet for any use." The banquet was elaborate, and served in splendid style. The exchequer of the chapter has been materially replenished by this event, and the credit of the whole affair is due to Mrs. E. H. Phelps, Mrs. W. C. Miller, Mrs. J. M. Rouse, Mary Edgerton, Ella Deiss, Mary McWible, Ada Phelps, Jennie Underwood, Laura Tipton, and Lettie McKim. The regret of your correspondent is, that an engagement unavoidable, deprived her of the pleasure of this occasion. We all rejoice to learn that the accomplished editor of THE EASTERN STAR is recovering from the effects of that painful accident, and that her silver tongue, out of the Order, as well as in it, is so well appreciated. SCSAS.

The interest in Harmony Chapter, Kansas City, continues unabated. At the last two convocations ten were initiated, and twelve petitions were received. The attendance runs from fifty to one hundred, which is indeed phenomenal, especially so when I add that fully one-fourth are brethren. Sister Edgerton, the W. M., is being quite popular. She is very earnest and faithful. Bro. Warner, the W. P., is rapidly overcoming his native modesty and bashfulness, and administers his duties with becoming grace. Among the other officers worthy to be mentioned in THE EASTERN STAR, are Alice Manor, the model Con.; Edith Hansen, the brilliant A. M.; Sister H. U. Griffith, the best Sec. in "seven States," and Bro. S. D. Brooker, the young and handsome Chap. Just now, the sisters of this chapter are planning for a grand leap-

year party, to be held in Shrine Hall, May 10. You, dear Sister Ransford, are most cordially invited. N. B.—This is official. This is to be the event of the whole year. Sisters must invite their own company, and pay all the bills. The brethren are in high feathers. Whether or not they will feel so on the first of the next month when the bills come in, I cannot say. I may and that Golden Gate Chapter is also very prosperous, as is Hesperia Chapter.

MARY;

MASSACHUSETTS.

Queen Esther Chapter, Boston, elected one candidate and initiated four, May 9. A large number were present and a very pleasant meeting enjoyed. Three candidates are awaiting initiation. The poverty party to be held May 23, under the management of Ada E. Lavers, P. M., promises to be a very enjoyable occasion. The tickets find a ready sale.

Mizpah Chapter, Marlboro, was well represented at the Grand Chapter, Westfield, May 10. The attending members consider it a red letter day in their calendar, for it was for them full of pleasure and information, and they are already looking forward to the convening of the Grand Chapter another year. Mrs. S. Mary Greeley, of Mizpah Chapter was made A. G. Con.

Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, celebrated its thirteenth anniversary, May 20, with a musical and literary entertainment and supper. A large number were present, most of the chapters in Boston and vicinity being represented. Also the families and friends of the members were among the guests. A pleasing program was presented, nearly every number receiving a hearty encore.

April 26, Keystone Chapter, Boston, received two petitions, elected one and initiated three candidates in a very pleasing manner. Visitors were present from Vesta, Olive Branch, Melrose, and Queen Esther Chapters. The early May meeting falling on the evening of the Grand Chapter meeting was omitted. The annual spring dance of this chapter was held April 29, at Arcanum Hall, Allston. It was made a leap-year party. Although the weather was very unfavorable, it was well patronized and greatly enjoyed by all.

One candidate was initiated at the meeting of Signet Chapter, Cambridge, May 12, the work was finely rendered. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for "Children's Day." At the close of the meeting supper was served, at which, steamed clams was a pleasing and prominent feature. The

tables were very prettily arranged in the form of a five-pointed star, with raised center of apple blossoms. Souvenir clam shells, suitably inscribed in gilt letters, and with a knot of ribbons of the colors of the Order attached, were laid with each plate. The banquet-hall presented a very pleasing and attractive appearance.

At the regular meeting of Melrose Chapter, Melrose, held May 13, three candidates were elected and five initiated in a very pleasing and impressive manner. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for celebrating the tenth anniversary of the chapter, June 10. Sister Hannah L. Knowles, Secretary, sailed for Europe the 21st, where she will spend the summer. This chapter was honored at the Grand Chapter by the election of one of its number to the office of Grand Patron, John P. Loring, of Charlestown. He was courteously received by the chapter with kind greetings. Supper was served at the close of the meeting.

Wednesday, May 11, occurred the dedication of the Masonic Temple in Marlboro. The long years of anticipation has closed with the brightest realization. Appropriate ceremonies and entertainments filled the entire day and evening, and now the Masons are at home in their new Temple. Mizpah Chapter has been most graciously welcomed as closely related to the Masonic fraternity, although no part of that ancient institution. Since the Eastern Star has risen in Marlboro, the sisters have been co-workers with the Masonic brothers and one of their chief aims has been and will be in the future to make this institution worthy of the protection and support of all good Masons.

As has been the custom, Mary Love Chapter, Waltham, celebrated their sixth anniversary, May 18, by making it "Children's Day." To the children the long looked-for day had arrived. A reception was held for the children at 4 p. m., which was well patronized. They were allowed to roam at will through the spacious apartments, imagining they were really Masons and Stars, and with grave and serious thoughts and feelings, they look forward in anticipation of the next meeting one year hence. A "Punch and Judy" performance was given for their amusement, and greatly enjoyed by the little ones. At 6:30 a banquet was served for young and old, and their large banquet-hall was well filled with the members and guests. Returning to the chapter-room, Mr. Holbrook, with a few numbers of his orchestra, presented a very pleas-

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ing musical entertainment. Mr. Mealand gave selections on the harmonica and auto-harp; Mr. Stephen Blakely, on the violin, the piano accompaniment was by little Mildred Neal. During the evening a spelling contest was engaged in by members of the chapter, under the direction of P. P., Arthur P. Smith, who is master of one of the city schools, which was a source of much amusement as well as profit. At the close of the contest, Master Smith, with a very flowery speech, presented Fannie Dill with the first prize, a bouquet of letters, (lettuce.) Edgar L. Hull, who was the first to miss, was informed, among other things, "that it was not always so bad to be beaten," as he was presented with a beet as his reward of merit. It was a very pleasant and social occasion, and greatly enjoyed by both young and old.

NEBRASKA.

Ivy Leaf Chapter, U. D., was instituted at Chadron, May 3, by Addie M. Billings, G. M., assisted by Sister Whitney, of Superior. The new chapter starts out with a membership of sixty. Officers: Sister A. W. Crites, W. M.; E. F. Irwin, W. P.; Sister G. A. Arnold, A. M.; Sister McFadon, Sec.; Sister Clary Treas.; Sister A. M. Wright, C.; Sister Randall, A. C.; Sister W. H. McCann, A.; Sister E. F. Irwin, R.; Sister W. A. Laufman, E.; Sister George Parker, M.; Sister Ada Schafner, E.; Sister J. H. Royce, War.; W. A. Laufman, Sen.; Rev. C. E. Snively, Chap.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

On the 16th a dispensation was granted for a chapter at Iroquois, to be known as Iroquois Chapter, with Sister Mate Landon, W. M.; John H. Bolan, W. P.; Alice Loomis, A. M. This chapter was instituted on the 19th by John Banks, of Huron.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—If you will grant me space through your columns, I would like to give an account of the pleasant visit the members of Madison Chapter had with Beulah Chapter, of Flandreau, May 12 and 13. On Thursday noon a number of the members of Madison Chapter could be seen speeding their way to the depot through a drenching rain. Arriving at Flandreau, we were met by a committee from Beulah Chapter and taken at once to the Masonic Hall, where we found a large number of the home chapter awaiting our coming. Beulah is to be envied its fine chapter-rooms as well as parlor, dressing, dining-rooms and kitchen, for all are elegantly furnished. During the afternoon the work

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ANDREW P. SWANSTROM,

Past Worthy Grand Patron of Minnesota.

We have been furnished the following sketch of the brother whose face adorns this page:

Brother Swanstrom is of Swedish parentage, and was born in Williamsburg, New York, September 4, 1849, in which State, and Massachusetts, his parents resided until 1861 when they set their faces to the then new West, arriving in Red Wing, Minnesota, April 21. Soon after their arrival in their new home the father, continuing to meet reverses, it devolved upon this brother, being the oldest of a family of six, at that early age to seek through menial labor a wherewithal to help support the family, and his first introduction into business was going around from house to house with a buck and saw asking for jobs of wood to saw, there being no other employment to be had. He finally succeeded in securing employment in a printing office (the Goodhue County Volunteer,) learned the trade and followed it for nearly twenty-one years. In 1870 he went to St. Paul and secured employment at the "case" on the St. Paul Press. From 1870 to the winter of 1887, he was connected with the St. Paul Press, Dispatch and Pioneer Press, being advanced from one position to another of trust and responsibility. It may be said that the most of his education was acquired in the printing office.

In the winter of 1887 he was elected an assistant Secretary of the Senate, which position he has held the last three sessions of the Legislature. He is at present associated with Uri L. Lamprey, one of the leading attorneys of the Saintly City.

Brother Swanstrom commenced his Masonic career in 1873, receiving the Blue Lodge degrees in Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 5, St. Paul. He received his Capitular degrees in

St. Paul Council No. 1, St. Paul, his Shrine degrees in Osman Temple, St. Paul, and has received thirty degrees in the Scottish Rite. He took his Eastern Star degrees in Martha Chapter No. 16, Red Wing, being one of the charter members, but afterwards demitted to Constellation Chapter No. 18, St. Paul.

He has, and still is occupying positions of trust and responsibility in Masonic Bodies. Two years he served as Thrice Illustrious

Order grow during his administration from 822 to 1968. He is now serving his second term of Constellation Chapter. He is also Worshipful Master of Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 5, the second largest Lodge in the jurisdiction, High Priest of Minnesota Royal Arch Chapter No. 1, and High Priest and Prophet of Osman Temple, Nobles Mystic Shrine, and is an active worker in the Commandery and Scottish Rite.

It can be truthfully said of him that he has yet to seek his first office, either Masonically or politically. Every honor has been thrust upon him, as it were, and in some instances he has been actually forced into occupying positions.

In the Eastern Star world he has been, and is, an indefatigable worker, as is evidenced by the proceedings of the Grand Body in that jurisdiction for the past two years. Taking hold of that Body at a time when dark shadows were hanging over it, he has succeeded in bringing light out of darkness, and placed his State in the front rank and in harmony with other Grand Jurisdictions. His efforts have been for conciliation that the jurisdiction might stand a united band, and no measures have been spared, nor time nor strength considered too much to spend in interest of this. He holds his membership in Constellation Chapter, St. Paul, of which he is Past Patron.

In matters of religious faith he is a communicant of the Episcopal Church, and his home is blessed by a genial companion and one little son. Others came to

bless the union, tarried for awhile and passed into the waiting arms of the Good Shepherd.

His manner is quiet and unobtrusive, is not given to boistrousness or self-laudation. He has succeeded in winning hosts of friends by his conservatism and his conciliatory methods.

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ANDREW P. SWANSTROM.

Master of St. Paul Council, and for two years he occupied the position of Grand Master of that body. During his occupancy of that position it became his pleasant duty to welcome the General Grand Council to Minneapolis, July, 1891. In May 1890, he was unanimously elected Worthy Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, and served in that capacity for two years, and had the pleasure of seeing that

For The Eastern Star.

MILDRED'S STORY.

I was never like other girls. Though much younger than my sisters, and used to a large family of children, I was very quiet and sedate in my ways, and far too old for my years. I had a fierce resentment against innovations into our family, or against changes of any kind. I clung to the same doll which bore the marks of my first teeth, and whose battered face had lost every vestige of paint. The other girls cried for wax dolls with yellow hair; but I refused to touch the one they bought for me, saying that Debbie was good enough for me.

When Dobbin, our old family horse died, I walked back and forth to school, rather than ride behind a new horse. The other girls had scores of intimate friends during our school-life. I have had but two during my whole existence.

The first of my chosen friends was a dear old aunt, whose cottage was on my way to school. I stopped in every morning to ask how she had passed the night; and I spent an hour with her each evening. It was the dearest place on earth to me. I loved the kind-hearted, sympathetic woman, to whom I could unfold my queer plans and fancies. Then the cottage was always cozy and pretty; and always neat and quiet. One could always read here without fear of interruption.

In summer we worked together in the shady garden, over our vegetables and flowers; and in winter I read while she sewed, or we discussed our favorite topics.

When I reached the age of sixteen, a new member was added to our circle. It was Harold. I had always known Harold, for his father was our family physician and had successfully brought us through the measles, mumps and other bane of childhood. About this time however, Harold began to carry my books home from school for me, and to write me inky mis-spelled notes, asking me to "please accompany" him to sundry taffy-pullings, sleigh-rides and other merry-makings. Together we sat on Aunt Margaret's doorstep during the long summer evenings and learned our lessons or listened to her talk.

He was a bright, manly young fellow, the life of whatever company he joined; and after a series of trifling details, interesting only to ourselves, we became engaged.

I was not a demonstrative person, but loved with a deep, constant love, impossible to a weaker nature. Four years had passed since we first began to be sweethearts. School days had ended for both of us; and Harold was determined to seek his fortune out West.

This was a usual occurrence in our village. Every young man as soon as he had enjoyed the glorious privilege of casting his first vote, was seized with a burning desire to go out West. So we were quite prepared to let Harold make the experiment, though we knew he would do as the rest had done and return in a year, glad to stay at home.

I did not grieve at his going, because I was

inclined to take a common sense view of things. I knew that the experience would be valuable for him, and we were both young and strong, and could afford to wait. Neither did I follow the example of the other girls, and as soon as he left, apply myself to flirting with other young men. I stayed quietly at home, or with Aunt Margaret, and built air-castles—all of them taking the form of a cottage wherein Harold and I were to live.

Before the close of the year, however, a terrible thing happened. I shall never forget the morning, a hot one in July. Mother and I were in the kitchen putting up fruit, when Harold's father drove up. Soon Belle entered with a very white face.

"Oh, Mildred," she said, bursting into tears, "come into the hall. Dr. Wright has bad news."

Mother and I followed her into the hall, where Dr. Wright stood leaning against the staircase.

He placed a telegram in my hand and I read, "Harold Wright was killed in a railroad wreck here to-day." I read it twice, the second time aloud. Then I looked at the doctor, and at mother and Belle. They were looking at me with horror-stricken eyes. Then everything grew black and I knew no more.

A week of horror followed. We sat waiting for the arrival of Harold's remains, and striving to get some particulars of the horrible accident. The papers gave us but meager accounts, and the answers to our letters were so long in coming.

I cannot dwell upon the funeral, and its accompanying heart-aches. Harold had been the village favorite, and the whole town mourned his death. Everyone was very kind to me, but no one could comfort me.

In the course of a few days, things resumed their usual way; and Harold was forgotten by the world. But I could not forget. The constancy of my nature made me true to him even in death. I wandered restlessly from home to Aunt Margaret's, unable to work or rest, utterly crushed by the weight of my terrible grief.

I found peace at but one place—by Harold's grave. At first I could not bear to go near, but at last I went every afternoon to the quiet little cemetery. I had a seat placed under the branch of a willow, and there I brought my book and work, and felt soothed by the holy calm of the place.

Time passed rapidly. I had grown used to my black clothes and people had come to regard me as a widow. No one thought of my marrying. Other girls probably would have done so, but the thought of ever marrying did not enter my head.

Seven years had passed and I still paid my daily visit to Harold's grave.

It was the anniversary of his death; and I had brought a large basket-ful of flowers with me. I thought of Harold as he looked the day he left us. How boyish and yet how gentle he was. How cruel that he should be

taken from me, and yet I had grown used to thinking of him as a dear, sweet memory, and I could not think of him as like the other men I knew.

I should never marry. The thought of that quiet grave with its mute reproach would make it impossible. Even the grave wherein lay buried the love and hopes of my life, was dearer to me, than any new lover could ever be.

I knelt to fix the flowers, and I did not notice a strange man who came with a springing step up the gravelled walk.

Some one stopped on the other side of the mound and said "Mildred!"

I looked up with a start. A tall, broad-shouldered man stood before me. His face was bronzed, and his hands coarse and rough. His eyes had a familiar look, and yet I did not know him.

I stared at him and he began to laugh.

"Well," he said, taking both my hands in his—"Don't you know me Mildred—its Harold."

"Harold!" I gasped. Then I pointed to the grave at my feet and the tombstone—"Oh no! Harold is there!"

He dropped my hands and stared at the stone.

"Well I be blowed," he said, "What does it all mean?"

"Why, Harold was killed in a railroad wreck, seven years ago to-day," I said hastily. "There is no doubt of it. He was brought home and buried here; and I have come to his grave every day."

"Where was the wreck?" asked the rough-looking stranger impatiently.

I told him again saying there could be no mistake about it.

"Oh," he said, "I see how it happened. The fellow who was killed had stolen my coat with your last letter in. They probably identified him as me by the letters. I was then on my way to Australia and had written to tell you of my plans. The letter must have been on this same fated train and have been destroyed. I have gone on from place to place in search of wealth; and since the mails seldom reach the coast, you have never gotten my letters."

"But it is I, Mildred, safe and well. I was afraid I should find you married. I told no one in the village who I was, but asked where I could find you, and they sent me here."

He had stepped over to my side and caught my hand.

"I knew you would be true to me Mildred, he continued, you shall have everything heart could wish. We will leave Milton and travel as soon as we are married. But come let us leave this solemn place; and you have not given me word of welcome yet."

I felt as one in a dream. I looked at the flowers scattered at my feet, at the name carved in the marble tombstone, and then at the vigorous man at my side.

We left the place, he talking rapidly and keeping a close hold of my hand whereon

was still his ring. In a few moments we were in his home and people were crowding around us. Some laughed and some cried over us. Harold was not cast down by his supposed death but enjoyed seeing the surprise his return caused. Both our families were together and a royal supper was prepared. I could not eat, but sat silent watching Harold, and wondering why I could not feel glad.

At last the meal was ended and the women were in the kitchen while Harold walked down town with his father.

I stole quietly away and followed the familiar path to the cemetery. The sun was setting when I reached the grave. Mechanically I picked up my scattered flowers, and placed them carefully on the mound.

Then I threw myself on the ground beside it and wept bitterly. Wept for the Harold of my youth that was buried there. Wept for the memory of his tender, gentle ways. Wept for my buried ideal and wept for my lost love.

Then I uttered a prayer and arose more calm. I plucked a flower from the mound; then softly whispered "Good-bye dear grave." I walked slowly from the spot where I had gone so often for peace and rest, and wondered, if as Harold's wife, I should forget the memory of the grave.

LAURA A. SMITH.

GRAND CHAPTER OF VERMONT FOR 1892.

[The Bennington Banner.]

The Order Eastern Star of Vermont met in its nineteenth annual convocation at Manchester Centre, Wednesday. The Grand Chapter has over 1,500 members among twenty-three subordinate chapters. There was a gain of one chapter and 200 members in the year closing May 1, 1892. The report of the Grand Treasurer showed a total of \$650 in the treasury. The expenses of the session was about \$200. The roll of the Convocation was sixty-six votes and all matters of business were intelligently and expeditiously dispatched so that the Grand Chapter closed Wednesday evening. The annual Convocation of 1893 will be held in St. Johnsbury. The ritual of the Order was finely exemplified in the evening by Adoniram Chapter, after which an elegant banquet was spread by the members of that chapter. Manchester people, in fact, outdid themselves in the generous hospitality dispensed to their guests. Hon. D. K. Simonds presided at the postprandial exercises.

The following board of Grand Officers were elected and installed; the installation being performed by Past Grand Patron, James E. Curran, who retires from a term and two re-elections, during which the membership has more than doubled: Janet Blackmer, Grand Matron, Manchester Depot; James T. Gleason, Grand Patron, Lyndonville; Minnie A. Parsons, Associate Grand Matron, Island Pond; Geo. W. Wing, Associate Grand Patron, Montpelier; H. L. Stillson, Grand Secretary, Bennington; Sister H. M. Whitney, Grand Treas-

urer, Windsor; Eugenia M. Potter, Grand Conductress, Brattleboro; Ida I. Wing, Associate Grand Conductress, Montpelier; Rev. I. P. Booth, Grand Chaplain, Northfield; Maj. W. R. Dunton, Grand Marshal, Dorset; Olive J. Stowell, Grand Lecturer, Putney; Mary D. Scott, Grand Warder, St. Johnsbury; Dr. F. G. Pettee, Grand Sentinel, Brattleboro; Maria I. Colburn, Grand Adah, Bradford; Athla L. Pierce, Grand Ruth, Barton; Sister E. E. West, Grand Esther, Newport; Sister O. P. Black, Grand Martha, North Rupert; Ella M. McLoud, Grand Electa, Hardwick; Sister O. J. Stowell, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Several were made permanent members of the Grand Chapter, with honorary rank of Past Grand Officers, among whom we name in this part of Vermont, W. H. Fullerton, of Manchester.

For The Eastern Star.

LUKE-WARMNESS.

The Anglo Saxon word "luke" is defined as remiss, that is, not rising to the occasion or the opportunity. This state of apathy or indifference on the part of women themselves touching the moral, social and legal position in which they find themselves, is the great source of discouragement with those who seek to uplift woman to a higher level. Let such remember that the purposes of God are wrought out slowly.

The cruelties of slavery did not arouse the slaves themselves to strike off their own shackles. They who had kind masters gloried in their subjection, they saw no ignominy in their condition and foresaw no burdens transmitted to posterity.

Only when some slave-mother, robbed of her children and made to toil and suffer under the lash of some fiendish overseer, did the cry for liberty escape her. Other women, sitting securely in the blest enjoyment of family ties, heard not, nor cared for the slave-mother's agony.

At last power was given to one woman's pen to arouse a whole nation to the damnable wrong. What extremes of misery must be reached at the hands of drunken besotted brutes who call themselves husbands and fathers we know not, before the cry of the little children and their mothers will find a chronicler that shall move a world to consider their wrongs. Nor do we know what terrible climax will at last determine that a mother who has gone down into the valley of the shadow of death to give birth to a child, has the paramount right to her child before the law.

Only a few days ago we read of a mother, who, finding life insupportable with the man who had sworn to love and cherish her, took her three children, one a little girl of five years, whom the father had never looked upon but once in his life, and supported them by her own exertions. She was pursued by the husband and forced to fly, even as the

slave-mothers had done to the wild forests to maintain possession of her child.

In another instance the wife, an educated, refined, ambitious woman, finding her husband too indolent to support her, opened a boarding-house. She had one child. The man invoked the State law to give possession of his child—a law made by men in which woman never had a voice. To prove his claim he traduced the mother of his child—blackened her good name. She was powerless, but she clung to her baby boy—the only drop of comfort in her cup. She knew too well her husband's character to trust him with its care. Yet the Law said the child was not hers, it was the property of its father, he could demand it. All her pleading, all her prayers could not avail. Wretched and helpless in her agony she cried "Is there no way to save my child?" Her counsel said, "None. Only the mother of an illegitimate child can claim her own."

A stern resolve seized the mother's breast. Her name had already been dragged in the mire by her unjust husband. She had suffered all an injured woman may in that way, and if to acknowledge herself that dreadful thing, an adulterous woman, would save her child she was ready for the sacrifice. It was but the choice between the scorn of men and the loving clasp of those baby fingers—a choice between a lie and slow death. She chose the lie; and before the court and jury she declared that the man who claimed her child was not its father! She had saved her child. She had thrown herself upon Christ's mercy as a supposed Magdalene!

How long must a law which can so tempt a mother, stand upon the statute books of nearly every State in our Union?

Mothers, is it nothing to you that you have no voice to repel such law!

Maidens, you who have plighted your troth to one who may prove a fiend, is it nothing to you that the law is framed for his pleasure?

Fathers, you who love justice and mercy and would not lay the weight of a feather upon the burdens that women must bear, is the law what it should be as it now stands? "Woe unto them who cry peace when there is no peace."

M. SEARS BROOKS.

Washington's Masonic Apron,

Which has lately been exhibited before the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and also in Chicago, (where it was placed at the disposal of the Voice of Masonry,) is a great Masonic curiosity of historical interest. It was presented to Gen. Washington by Gen. Lafayette and was made by Mrs. Lafayette. It is a fine specimen of the embroidery of one hundred years ago. The only engraving of this famous apron ever published appears in the June number of the Voice of Masonry and Family Magazine of Chicago, which will be sent you for thirty cents. Address Voice of Masonry, and Family Magazine, Chicago, Illinois.

For The Eastern Star.

EASTERN STAR AND MASONRY.

Our subject is of such vast proportions that to even mention it is almost an impossibility. But a thought or two suggest themselves.

Let us briefly consider the two. Is there any affiliation? The Masonic brother loves to delve away back in the musty pages of history for the origin of the faith that is within him. He is rewarded for his earnest labor by discoveries made that the principles enunciated by him are as ancient as history itself. But when he has made that discovery is it satisfying? Is the fact that upon ruined walls, which by the operation of some of nature's forces were buried thousands and thousands of years ago, are found hieroglyphics that go to show that some form of Masonry was then in existence, enough to satisfy his inquiring mind? Is there not some underlying principle that is even greater than all this?

In applying the same line of reasoning cannot the Eastern Star go back to the beginning of beginnings for its foundation? Are not the principles inculcated by this Order as ancient as those of the Masonic brother? When we compare the two systems we must arrive at the conclusion that the foundations upon which the superstructures have been erected are one and the same. The ultimate end to be attained and accomplished are one and the same. They are both reached through the same channels—the same inspiration governs both.

Masonry is said to be a system of types and symbols veiled in allegory. The Eastern Star is a system of morals inculcated by deep rooted lessons and illustrated by symbols. The symbolism in both is synonymous. The lessons taught in the several degrees of Masonry are but stepping stones to something higher. The lessons of obedience, fidelity, faith and trust taught in the Eastern Star are only gateways whereby we reach the final goal. Jacob in his vision saw a ladder extending from earth to heaven. It was composed of many rounds, but the principal rounds were faith, hope and charity. Cannot we go a little farther and add the top round—truth. Then I believe we will arrive at the correct solution of all our effort. Faith in God, hope in immortality and charity to all mankind are the highways by which to reach this tonmost round of the ladder, and which, if we travel, will at last safely land us at the haven of truth. And this is what both Orders teach if they teach anything. Both have the same end in view and both travel the same road to reach it. To be accomplished successfully is a life study—not a coat to be worn to-day and cast aside to-morrow. If our labors here below are to be marked with that success that we desire we must carry these principles with us always, in our business life as well as our social life. If we do not it were better that we had never been taught the lessons which these Orders teach.

ANDREW P. SWANSTROM.

ORGANIZATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF COLORADO.

The Convention to organize the Grand Chapter of Colorado, met at Colorado Springs and was called to order by Sister Ella L. C. Dwinell, Worthy Matron of Ramona Chapter, June 6, at 2 p. m.

Sister Dwinell gave an address of welcome to the delegates, which was responded to by Sister Mary L. Carr, Worthy Matron of Columbine Chapter.

Bro. Geo. D. Greenfield was chosen President pro tem, and Sister Eliza S. Cohen, Secretary pro tem, and the Credential Committee appointed, which reported the following as entitled to seats in the Convention:

Trinidad—J. H. Guilfoil, Anna D. Humphreys, Mrs. J. W. Butler.

Colorado—Sisters Caroline Vulpis, Carrie Reef, Charlotte Davis, Genivieve Hewitt, Brothers Wm. Guller and Geo. D. Greenfield.

Garden City—Sisters Meta T. Bassett, Lovell, Clara M. Hooper, and Bro. Geo. Lovell.

Queen City—Fred W. Nance, H. A. Baker, and Sisters Annie E. Potter, Mary Barry.

Queen Esther—A. Y. Henry, Sisters Emma Adams and Jessie Wilson.

Pueblo—H. D. Hathaway.

Glen Eyrie—John McCoach, Sisters Jennie Humphreys and Jennie George.

Romona—Ella L. C. Dwinell, C. E. Stubbs, Sister E. H. Lawton.

Ruxton—Eva J. Aldrich, Charles Elerick, Sister F. Hutchinson.

Columbine—J. J. Topliff, Mary L. Carr, Minerva C. Topliff.

A Constitution and By-Laws was adopted and the following officers elected:

Carrie Reef, Leadville, G. M.; Henry D. Hathaway, Pueblo, G. P.; Anna D. Humphreys, Trinidad, A. G. M.; Fred W. Nance, Denver, A. G. P.; Eliza S. Cohen, Colorado Springs, G. Sec.; Meta T. Bassett, Greeley, G. Treas.; Emma Adams, Boulder, G. Con.; Mary Potter, Colorado City, A. G. C.; Phema Weaver, Durango, G. A.; Mary McElwee, Denver, G. R.; Eva J. Aldrich, Maniton, G. E.; Hannah K. Stubbs, Colorado Springs, G. M.; Minerva C. Topliff, Longmont, G. E.; Sister Leuders, Maniton, G. Mar.; Ella L. C. Dwinell, Colorado Springs, G. Chap.; Ida M. Taylor, Colorado Springs, G. Org.; A. T. Henry, Boulder, G. Sen.

Brother Geo. D. Greenfield installed the Grand Officers, assisted by Henry A. Baker, as Grand Marshal.

Bro. Henry A. Baker, Deputy of the M. W. G. P., was made a member of the Grand Chapter, an honor fully appreciated and justly merited, as Bro. Baker has organized three of the eight chapters organized in Colorado in the last two years, and his interest and enthusiasm has incited the organization of others.

On the evening of the second day a banquet was given to the delegates at Maniton, by the members of Romona, Glen Eyrie and Ruxton Chapters.

Colorado Chapter, Leadville, did a hand-

some act by donating \$50.00 to the treasury of the Grand Chapter, in honor of giving them the first Grand Matron.

After a very harmonious session, the Grand Chapter of Colorado, closed to meet in Denver on the first Tuesday in June, 1893, at 10 o'clock a. m.

THE AMERICAN EAGLE.

It has been proposed lately to ornament the flagstaffs used in the regular army of the United States with a representation in metal of the bald eagle, which is the emblem of our republic, says the "Youth's Companion." The staffs of regimental standards now terminated with a pike. The eagle has already done duty in this way upon the standards of other nations, and particularly upon those of Rome and France. The American eagle, however, is of a different variety from those of France and the Roman republic. It is of an American variety—the "bald" or white-headed eagle.

The ordinary name of the bird is a misnomer. It is not bald, but simply white headed, the feathers on the neck and head of adult specimens being snowy white.

The honor of first naming this bird as the emblem of the United States belongs to John J. Audubon, the naturalist, whose name will be forever associated with our bird life. He called the bald eagle, the "Washington eagle," because, he said, Washington was as brave as the eagle is. Like it, too, he was the terror of his enemies, and his fame, extending from pole to pole, resembles the soarings of the mightiest of the feathered tribe. If America has reason to be proud of her Washington, so has she to be proud of her great eagle. The bald eagle with wings extended or "displayed proper," as it is called in heraldry, was made the emblem of the United States in the year 1785. Benjamin Franklin did not approve the choice. The bald eagle, he declared, was a very evil disposed bird, who would not earn an honest living, but got his livelihood by violence, deceit and rapine. He did not consider such a creature the worthy emblem of the people who had valiantly driven out of their country all kingly birds of prey.

Franklin's critical judgment did not prevail. It is true, as he declared, that the bald eagle lives chiefly by violence and theft, swooping down upon the osprey and snatching from this industrious bird the fish that he has just caught. But the eagle on occasions, can take fish out of the water with great skill.

The eagle is, moreover, a bird of dignity as well as of bravery and beauty, and its strong attachment to its young and to its home certainly recommends it as an American emblem.

We ought to be always up and doing. It is far better to do the wrong thing in the right spirit than not to work at all; for we can correct what is wrong, but from nothing comes nothing.

For The Eastern Star.

"HE GIVETH HIS BELOVED SLEEP."

"He giveth His beloved sleep!"

O, words with comfort fraught!
When with sad hearts we view the wreck
The Death Angel hath wrought.

"He giveth His beloved sleep!"

The words distill like balm,
And falling upon wounded hearts,
The chastened spirits calm.

"He giveth His beloved sleep!"

The weary is at rest;
No harm can reach the trusting one,
Who leans on Jesus' breast.

"He giveth His beloved sleep!"

Life's fitful dream is past;
The soul has found safe anchorage
Within the veil at last.

"He giveth His beloved sleep!"

"He doeth all things well!"
Our stricken hearts still trust His love,
And of His mercies tell.

—Mrs. T. A. JACOBS.

IN MEMORIAM.

INDIANA.

To THE EASTERN STAR:—From Riley Chapter, No. 22 of the Order of Eastern Star:

Memorial service was held in the Masonic Hall, Sunday evening, May 29, '92, according to the prescribed form, and in commemoration of the loved ones of our Order that have been called from earthly association to the blessed Father that doeth all things well. At six p. m. the doors of the hall were opened and a vast throng moved in, filling the large hall and interior to overflowing. At 7:30 a rap from the gavel by our W. P. Bro. Lem Hamilton, brought the crowd to profound silence. Sister Griffith, A. C., was requested to invite the W. M. and her officers to enter the chapter-room.

The chapter of sorrow was opened in due form, with choice selections of music by the choir, assisted by Mrs. Schinner, who served as organist for the occasion.

Bro. Dr. L. C. Griffith was introduced, and delivered an eloquent address, fitting the occasion, taking up the early history of the Eastern Star, its use, progress, object and the glorious benefits to be derived from it as an organization, and a tribute to the Grand Officers for the excellence of rectitude and promptness in their glorious work; with thanks and commendation to the officers of Riley Chapter, for their promptness and devotion to the Order, and their untiring zeal in answering the call of help and distress, not alone of our Order, but wherever it may be found. The doctor then said that since we last met in memorial service Bro. John Maxwell had been called from our midst, and the sadness of his departure of this life was greater when we call to mind Dec. 31, 1892; at the lonely hours of the night on the public highway. His horse fell upon him, and he was not found until the next morning. In that lonely hour of desolation; in the pall and darkness of the night, with no mother's hand to touch his fevered brow; no loving companion to shed a tear or administer a drop of cold water; no loving daughter to kiss the last glimmer of life; no brother to extricate him from the jaws of death in that lonely ravine. Oh! how sad would this have been but for the heavenly hosts of angelic forms that hovered o'er him, and bore his spirit through the pearly gates to the city. "For as all needs must die, and are as water spilt upon the ground which cannot be gathered up again."

Sisters Ray, Holston and Harkness, followed Dr. Griffith's speech with select readings,

after which Bro. Dr. C. W. Russell gave a very interesting talk. The chapter of sorrow then closed in due form. The floral deposit made by the sisters was a scene of that class of exercises which is always commented upon in a favorable light, and destined to be of lasting good to us all.

WILLIAM MAXWELL,
CHARLES JACKSON,
W. R. RAY, } Com.

GRAND CHAPTER OF SOUTH DAKOTA, 1892.

The fourth annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota was held in the city of Madison on May 24, 25 and 26.

At the opening there were present all but five Grand Officers, and there were thirty-nine delegates. Also Past Grand Patron, J. H. Baldwin, and Past Associate Grand Matron, Mattie.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form by the Grand Matron, Sister L. Leslie McBride, at 3 o'clock p. m. In the evening a reception was held in Odd Fellows Hall. Wednesday, members of Beulah Chapter, of Flandreau, came over, to the number of thirty, and joined in an excursion to the lake by motor. Supper was served by Madison Chapter in the Grand View Hotel, and it was estimated that 250 were present.

On Thursday evening, the work was exemplified by Madison Chapter, after which the Grand Chapter closed to meet in Flandreau on the fourth Tuesday in May, 1893.

Sister Lurancy Norton, of Webster, was elected Grand Matron; Dr. Geo. A. Pettigrew, of Flandreau, Grand Patron, and Sister A. M. McCallister, of Madison, Grand Secretary.

A. M. M.

GRAND CHAPTER OF OREGON FOR 1892.

The fourth session of the Grand Chapter met at the Masonic Temple, Portland, June 15, at 11 o'clock, and was called to order by the Grand Matron, Sister B. A. Miller. Ten chartered chapters, and four under dispensation, responded to the roll-call. Sister M. L. Lutke, Worthy Matron of Myrtle Chapter, welcomed the officers and members of the Grand Chapter in an appropriate address, which was responded to by Robert A. Miller, Grand Lecturer.

The Grand Officers present were: Sister B. A. Miller, G. M.; M. L. Rapp, G. P.; Rose J. Wilson, A. G. M.; Josephine D. Crocker, G. Sec.; Lidia McCall G. Treas.; Rev. Lund, G. Chap.; Robert A. Miller, G. Lec.; Sister F. A. Helm, G. Con.

The afternoon session was devoted to hearing reports of committees. The attendance during yesterday's session was larger than at any previous Grand Chapter.

There is a membership of 798 in the jurisdiction of Oregon, an increase of over fifty per cent. since the meeting, of the Grand Chapter one year ago.

Beulah Chapter, Coquille City, through J. E. Quick, presented the Grand Chapter with a finely-wrought gavel.

The Grand Chapter was entertained in the

evening at Masonic Temple on the West-Side by Martha Washington and Myrtle Chapters. Myrtle Chapter initiated four candidates and exemplified the beautiful and impressive ceremony of the Floral Degree. Dr. Hicks delivered an address of welcome, which was responded to by Grand Matron, Rose J. Wilson; Grand Patron, Rev. W. Knowles, and Past Grand Matron, Julia Abrams.

A surprise was prepared for the retiring Grand Matron, Sister B. A. Miller, by Martha Washington and Myrtle Chapters, in the form of a beautiful floral Star, representing the fine symbolic colors of the Order. N. B. Crane, Worthy Patron of Martha Washington Chapter, presented the floral tribute.

After the close of chapter work, the members of the Grand Chapter and visitors, were banqueted and feasted until a late hour. Thus closed one of the most interesting and important sessions of the Eastern Star ever held in Oregon. The Order bids fair to more than double its membership the ensuing year.

The following Grand Officers were appointed and installed for the ensuing year: Rose J. Wilson, Corvallis, G. M.; Rev. W. Knowles, La Grande, G. P.; Sister R. White, Portland, A. G. M.; G. B. Moulton, Baker City, A. G. P.; Josephine D. Crocker, Ashland, G. Sec.; Aliance McCall, Ashland, G. Treas.; Sister M. F. Rapp, Roseburg, G. Chap.; Robert A. Miller, Jacksonville, G. Lecturer; Sister F. A. Helm, Corvallis, G. Mar.; Fannie Thompson, Baker City, G. A.; Sister E. M. Dubois, La Grande, G. R.; Sister M. Lutke, Portland, G. E.; Mary O. Wilshire, Lakeview, G. M.; Sister M. P. Cooper, McMinnville, G. E.; Sister O. J. Johns, East Portland, G. Sen.; Gussie La Kamp, Portland, G. Org.

For The Eastern Star.

PICKED UP BY THE WAYSIDE.

Now that the Columbian Exposition is so fast approaching, we are deluged with articles concerning Columbus and his life and work, but who ever thinks of Mrs. Christopher Columbus? Yet to her the great discoverer was indebted for encouragement. She was a Miss Paleatrello, of Lisbon, the well-educated, brilliant daughter of a navigator, with whom she made hazardous voyages, and who gave her as a dowry a valuable collection of charts, maps and memorandas made during his voyages.

This is the season of the year when most of us are willing to accept a later version of John Howard Payne's "Home Sweet Home," his version being thus amended: "Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam, be it ever so humble, (with the exception of a couple of months in summer and a month in the winter, with a few short trips sandwiched in between times, there's no place like home.) To talk about home and to sing about home is one thing, but to stay at home is quite another. It is just as well we do not believe the sentiment we sing and weep over it, else

our railroads might suffer, and we should fail in our duty of upholding this great industry.

The big posters with their vast type and highly colored pictures, which are everywhere conspicuous in our streets, are oftentimes very unsightly. We have become so accustomed to seeing them however, that we look on them as necessary evils, and uncomplainingly submit. In a recent letter of Mark Twain's written from Germany's capital, Berlin, he tells of their method of advertising the theatrical attractions. All over the city at short distances apart there are neat round pillars eighteen feet high and about as thick as a hog's head, and on these the little black and white theater bills and other notices are pasted. One generally finds a group around each pillar reading these things. Why not import this improvement?

Society has a new spectacle, that is absorbing much time and attention from those who are interested in things mystic. The "Ouija" is an invention of some individual who knows the weakness of the American public in enjoying being "gulled," and is the centre of much interest. The "Ouija-board" is a modification of the planchette, with some form of which most persons are familiar. It consists of a circular board upon which are printed the letters of the alphabet, and the heart-shaped contrivance similar to the planchette, upon which the hands of the engineer are placed. A question is asked and the heart-shaped contrivance, guided presumably by some occult influence, points out the letters which spell the answer. The fortune-teller's occupation is gone, and "Ouija" becomes guide, philosopher and friend to its possessor.

How many of us, after all, have great cause to be thankful in that we possess the five senses, for the greater number of people can see, hear, smell, taste and touch. The last three senses are seldom impaired, while the spectacle-maker can fit him who has any sight left, so that he can share the amusements of his fellowmen. The most of us can agree with the decision that he who is deaf, even in a moderate degree, may as well make up his mind to be in a considerable measure independent of society. It was a deaf person who was asked in what he took the most pleasure, and replied: "In reading, eating and drinking, the sight of my children, games and sports, and in the prospect of death." It was another deaf man who spoke of the measure of satisfaction he found in talking with a single companion; but he added, "But hell comes into the room with the third person."

The shopper of to-day can obtain almost any article he may want in any line, from the "we-sell-everything" dry-goods stores that are now found in all our cities. The competition among these in New York is keen, and has led to a novel scheme that is described in a special as follows: "The latest effort to at-

tract trade is from an uptown firm. Women who go shopping with babies are nuisances. The shop-keepers all know that. It remained for one firm of dry goods men, however, to do away with the nuisance. They did not tell the women that they ought not to take their children with them when they went shopping, nor did they put up signs to the effect that no babies in arms were allowed within their store. That would be ruinous to trade. Instead they started a check system. Now women who go to their store with babies get them checked and do their shopping in comfort. If the baby is in a carriage, a boy gives a check for it and amuses the youngster until its mother has finished her shopping. If it is not in a carriage, it is amused in the same way inside the store. The plan is working well for both the storekeepers and the mothers. In all the Brooklyn stores baby carriages can be checked while you shop.

LILLIAN.

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a short reception the little ones formed in couples, and led by Archie Gove and Gladys Brock, the two youngest, marched to the banquet-hall, where light refreshments were served. Returning to the chapter-room the time was spent merrily with games until 8 o'clock, one of the most pleasing being a grab-bag, from which each one fished a prize. In the mean time the members and visitors of the chapter had been entertained in the banquet-hall, and a short business meeting held, at which two petitions were received. A letter of sympathy was sent to Bro. and Sister Clark, whose children were lying very seriously and dangerously ill. An invitation to visit Mizpah Chapter, Marlboro, June 20, was received and accepted, and the July and August meetings were suspended. Later in the evening an enjoyable program was presented. A very pleasing feature of the entertainment was the "highland reel," danced by Misses Addie and Millie Bennke, and "Sailor's Hornpipe," danced by Masters Ellison and Richards, won a well-deserved encore. After the entertainment the time was spent socially and in dancing until a late hour.

During the past month, Keystone Chapter, Boston, has received four petitions, elected three candidates and initiated five. A committee of brothers was appointed to make arrangements for an entertainment to be given June 28. At the meeting June 14, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, to remove from our midst our brother, Frederick Leland, therefore be it

Resolved, By Keystone Chapter, O. E. S., that while we bow in humble submission to the will of the Most High, we do not the less mourn the loss of our brother, who has been taken away.

Resolved, That in the death of Frederick Leland, our chapter mourns the loss of a brother, that one more link of the golden chain has fallen away, yet the parting is temporary and the meeting eternal. In the meas-

ureless realm of time, how brief is our earthly life, yet how momentous and eternal its issues,

Resolved, That the heartfelt sympathy of our chapter be extended to the family of our brother in their affliction.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread in the records of Keystone Chapter, and a copy sent to the family of our late brother.

A. M. FARMINGTON, } Com.
F. G. CAMPBELL. }
R. E. L.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Ransford Chapter, Derry Depot, is in a fair state of prosperity considering the warm weather. At the meeting held June 17, three candidates were initiated, and refreshments of ice cream, cake, coffee and fruit was served.

NEBRASKA.

Dawson Chapter, Lexington, was happily surprised May 20, by a visit from the G. M., Sister A. M. Billings, of Geneva. She organized a chapter at North Platte on the 19th, making twenty-one organized this year. We think Nebraska is doing well. The W. M. of Dawson Chapter called a special meeting, the degrees were conferred on Bro. R. T. Thompson, and a very social evening spent.

OREGON.

At the regular meeting of Myrtle Chapter, May 13, after transacting their regular business, the doors were open to their many friends and they had one of their now noted socials with an excellent program of music and recitations, after which refreshments were served and our visitors, friends and members separated and wended their way to their various homes after one of the most pleasant evenings of the season. Next meeting there will be work. Jo.

OHIO.

The members of Crescent Chapter, Garrettsville, have recently enjoyed two very delightful occasions. May 4, a dime social was held in the new rooms so recently occupied by the chapter. An invitation had been extended to the Masonic fraternity and their families, who were present in large numbers. The refreshments were provided by six ladies of the chapter, and though not elaborate, were quite sufficient to induce the sociability which is always so much enjoyed on such occasions. An attractive program, consisting of music and recitations, added to the pleasure of the occasion. It is evident that men, if not women, can keep a secret, for a surprise was so effectually carried out, that not one of the Sisters knew of the designs upon them by their Masonic brothers. And when \$100 was presented to the chapter from the gentlemen, words could not be found to express the surprise and pleasure of the occasion. The evening will be long remembered as one of the happiest ever spent in our social gatherings.

May 18, by invitation thirty members of Pearl Chapter, Cleveland, and about half as many from Ruby Chapter, Chardon, visited Crescent Chapter, Garrettsville. The sisters and brothers from Cleveland coming at five

o'clock by cars, while from Chardon, the trip was made in carriages, and the arrival at about the same hour. The work of the evening was finely exemplified by the officers of Pearl Chapter, to whom much credit is due for their earnest determination to excel in their work. A banquet followed the conferring of degrees, during which excellent music was furnished by the Garrettsville Glee Club. The usual amount of speech-making was indulged in, and a general good time enjoyed by all. Our visiting friends left us for their homes during the following day. We are safe in saying the visit was conducive of good to all present. Crescent Chapter extends to Pearl and Ruby Chapters its most kindly remembrance and best wishes for their future prosperity. B. J. M.

By special invitation I visited Lorraine Chapter, Columbus, June 1. The trip of about 175 miles was delightful. On reaching the capital city I was met by the W. M. and W. P. of Lorraine Chapter, and at once made to feel as among friends. I was the guest of Sister Greiner, P. M., and was most hospitably entertained. In the evening all assembled in the chapter-room. After many introductions and much hand-shaking, the chapter was called to order and the degrees conferred on one candidate. The efforts of both officers and members to make the chapter eminently successful, is very persistent and praiseworthy. The one thing most needful in this chapter, as well as some others in our State, is the earnest support and assistance of the brothers. The sisters are entirely capable of doing the work, but to make it successful they need the support and encouragement of the brothers. On Thursday evening a very delightful reception was held at the home of Brother and Sister Dutoit. A large number were present and the evening delightfully spent. Friday morning I became the guest of members of Crown Chapter, Columbus. As they were unable to secure the use of the chapter-room, I was not permitted to see the work, but met a large number of members, and on Saturday evening, an informal reception was held at the home of Brother and Sister King. Everything possible was done for my pleasure and comfort, by both Lorraine and Crown Chapters, and I have only the most kindly feeling for all. Friday afternoon accompanied by two sisters and brothers, I went to Marysville to visit Mary Chapter. Here we were met and heartily welcomed by several sisters of Mary Chapter, among them our G. Sec., Sister Shearer, at whose home we were delightfully entertained. In the evening we witnessed the conferring of degrees on two candidates. The work was well done, and almost without the use of rituals. The Floral Work was taken up for the first time, and well executed. After work refreshments were served in the chapter-room. 'Tis evident that in the near future we may expect work from Mary Chapter that will be rarely excelled. I arrived home safely, feeling that I had enjoyed one of the most pleasant visits of my life. B. J. McClinrock, G. W. M.

TEXAS.

From a recent letter received from Jennie Cassil, of Brownswood, we give an account of a chapter visit. Sister Cassil says: "I must now tell you of a forty-mile trip that Mr. Cassil and I took last month—May 21. We went in a buggy, as no railroad goes in that direction, and it is twenty miles from Brownswood, its nearest railroad station. The place is called Mt. Zion, and standing out by itself in the woods a full half-mile from a house of any kind, is the Masonic building. Here for a number of years the ladies have been meeting in an O. E. S. chapter, but were not under the jurisdiction of our Grand Chapter. The object is to meet at 10 a. m., and all bring baskets of good things, and at 12 o'clock set the table and have dinner for all who come. As soon as dinner is over the chapter is opened and the work goes on. Some members come as far as ten miles. But there is always a full membership and a good dinner. We talked to them and now they are under the jurisdiction of our Grand Chapter. After the close of the chapter Mr. Cassil and I had many invitations to remain all night, but the bairnies were at home expecting us, so we drove the twenty miles and sat down to supper at 9:30 p. m. I wish that I could take you out to that chapter-room. We in Brownswood are making arrangements to go out in a body and meet with them some Saturday, taking our dinner with us. Just think of it, a regular picnic once a month, is it not jolly?"

At a called meeting of Gate City Chapter, Denison, June 10, for the purpose of initiating Miss Hattie Williams, J. F. West, E. A. Evans, and A. F. Frame, we were honored by having present with us several delegates from the Grand Chapters of Indian Ter. Among the visitors was Bro. Doyle, of McAlester, G. Sec., who entertained us very nicely in response to the toast, "The Order of the Eastern Star" in Indian Territory. This was followed by Sister B. H. Sherburne, W. M., who in a few well chosen words, bid the guests welcome. Other toasts were responded to by brothers J. G. West, Fairbanks, Spaulding and others. Sister H. L. Herron, of Eufaula, Indian Ter., Grand Electa, then favored us with a song, "The Sweet By and By," in the Creek language, which was rendered in a very pleasing manner. The other members of the Grand Chapter were sisters T. T. Inge and H. W. Wright, G. Treas., both of Atoka, and Sister W. T. Clarke, of Durant, W. M. Gate City Chapter certainly enjoyed meeting with their brother and sisters from across the river, and regretted that more did not visit with us. The chapter meeting was held in Masonic Hall, and the ladies who had in charge the entertainment of our guests certainly did their best. The decorations were in the five colors of the Order. The W. M., Chap. and W. P., whose chairs were draped with bunting, were held in place with clusters of myrtle. Suspended from the center of the arch above the W. M. was a beautiful floral star eighteen inches across. The A. M.'s chair

was draped with bunting, as was also the chairs of the Con. and A. C. Each of the five points of the star had the table draped with their color, on which were placed the emblems, also a bunch of flowers representing their point. Back of the Treas' chair was a bank of pot plants, while plants and bouquets were arranged in every possible place in the chapter-room. After closing our chapter we formed in line for the grand march, the organ being presided over by Lillie Dane, a new member who joined by demit at our last meeting, and who is certainly an addition to our chapter. At a signal from the W. M. we marched into the banquet-room where refreshments, consisting of cream, cake and fruit, awaited us. The tables were beautifully decorated with plants and flowers, and at every plate was a bunch of flowers. As our visitors wished to take the 12:5 train, we brought our meeting to a close about 11:30 p. m. The visitors, one and all, expressed themselves as delighted with our city, and the hospitality extended them by the O. E. S. D.

WASHINGTON.

Lorraine Chapter, Seattle, held its first meeting in the new Masonic Temple, May 18, and conferred the degrees upon six candidates, after which refreshments were served.

WISCONSIN.

At each of the last four meetings of Mineral Point Chapter, one or two have been added to its list of members. We now have three candidates elected to receive the degrees and several petitions to be presented. A special meeting was called for June 15, to admit to membership Mrs. Cosens, of Dodgeville. The initiation was gone through with by the regular officers (two of the number being unavoidably absent,) and work done entirely without the use of rituals. After the initiation the floral degree was conferred upon the same candidate. This is the first time the Floral work was given in our chapter and the officers were well pleased with the words of praise given them by the many present for the manner in which it was done. The beautiful new organ which had been bought and placed in the chapter-room since our last meeting, by our Masonic brethren, was a complete surprise to the ladies, and added much to the Floral Work and to the appearance of the Masonic Hall. Refreshments were then served in the banquet-room and a social time enjoyed until the lateness of the hour and a storm warned us to disperse.

A. P.

The man is rich who has a good disposition, who is naturally kind, patient, cheerful, hopeful, and who has a flavor of wit and fun in his composition. The hardest thing to get on with in this life is a man's own self. A cross, selfish fellow, a despondent and complaining fellow, a timid and care-burdened man, these are all born deformed on the inside. They do not limp, but their thoughts do.—Clay.

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The readers of THE EASTERN STAR will bear in mind that Chapter supplies of any and every kind can be ordered by writing to the paper.

Sister Nettie Ransford, a member of Robert Anderson W. R. C., this city, gave the address for the Corps at Zionsville on Decoration Day.

Sister Louise Koehler, Past Matron of Guiding Star Chapter, Lawrenceburgh, responded to the toast "The Star of the East," at a Masonic banquet given on St. John's day.

Will the subscribers please notify us promptly when the paper fails to reach them, that we may ascertain the cause of its failure to do so, and supply the missing number.

The Western Association of Writers will hold its seventh annual meeting at Dayton, Ohio, June 27, continuing five days. The program promises a very enjoyable meeting.

Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec., delivered an address on June 24, on behalf of the Order, for Luckey Chapter, Rantoul Ill., at a joint celebration of Lodge and Chapter.

Sisters and brothers kindly acknowledge the receipt of the bills recently sent you by a return of the required amount to balance your account on the subscription book, and greatly oblige, yours truly.

Queen Esther Auxiliary cleared \$18.00 from its dinner for the Masonic Veteran Associa-

tion, which the sisters think is doing very well. The meeting of May 27 was held at the residence of the President, Sister Adel Hayes.

George C. Dorland, assisted by Orient Chapter, organized a chapter at Union Mills, May 31. The work was rendered by Orient Chapter, and the sisters of Union Mills reciprocated by entertaining them right royally.

There is a right which is accorded to every woman on sight if she but wills it. The right to dispense her patronage where she desires and if it chance to be with a sister, certainly there can be no danger of appearing unwomanly.

Noble Chapter, Kendallville, was organized June 7, by Past Grand Patron, F. W. Fanning, assisted by Past Grand Matron, Carrie M. Fanning, and thirty members of Forest Chapter, Butler. Mrs. W. P. Hall, W. M.; George Hartsuck, W. P.; Mrs. J. R. Smith, A. M.; N. B. McPherson, Sec.

Sister Mary A. Flint, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, remembered us to a box of beautiful lillies. Day after day as they adorned the mantel, another and another beautiful bud would unfold itself and yield added beauty and fragrance. However, the most beautiful of all was the sisterly remembrance for which thanks but feebly tell our appreciation.

The effort to compliment our worthy friend and brother, Worthy Patron Manning, of Lake Michigan Chapter, in our June issue, was a signal and miserable failure. He is R. E., Joseph E. Manning, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana. 'Twas dreadful to have murdered him thusly and I didn't go to do it, but now that error is confessed I feel better.

Among the gleanings last month was noticed the unique favors given at the banquet of Meridian Chapter, Meriden, Connecticut, and it was a pleasing surprise to receive a box through the kindness of the Worthy Matron, Lydia Coe, containing one of each of the emblems with the accompanying card. Thanks Sister Coe, these sisterly love offerings are treasured among earth's choicest blessings.

Be it known to the readers of THE EASTERN STAR and whomsoever else it may concern, that I am now prepared to furnish chapter blanks, print By-Laws, cards and anything necessary for chapter use, as also to furnish all chapter supplies of whatever nature. I trust that my sisters of the Order will favor me with a share of their patronage and I assure them that I will endeavor to fill all orders with promptness and satisfaction. It is a sister's effort, and should receive the recognition and patronage of the sisterhood.

NETTIE RANSFORD.

It is to be hoped that at the General Grand Chapter meeting, to be held in Columbus next September, there will be a full attendance. Every Grand Chapter should endeavor to be represented and by as large a delegation as possible. Also, the subordinate chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, are under the Constitution accorded a representation, and should try to avail themselves of the privileges and benefits thus afforded them.

Harmony Lodge, of Brookville, Indiana, on June 4, celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary. The exercises began at 2 p. m., and consisted of music, a history of the Lodge and addresses. At six p. m. supper was served and the evening was devoted to social enjoyment. Past Grand Patron, A. H. Kaiser, is a member of Harmony Lodge and prepared the history. He it was also, who conceived the idea of commemorating the event. We regret to learn that he has not been so well for the past few weeks, but trust that the illness is but temporary.

Indiana is justly proud of her efficient Grand Secretary, William H. Smythe, for no jurisdiction has its proceedings served up better dressed nor in better time than has Indiana. The Grand Chapter proceedings, O. E. S., were at hand almost immediately following the meeting. The proceedings of the Grand Commandery and Grand Lodge, each bear an excellent and life-like picture of Brother William Hacker, deceased last July. The Commandery proceedings are beautiful in every particular.

From a recently received letter from Oregon, we make the following extract, both to show that seeds planted may bear fruit yet many years hence, and to let Miriam Chapter know that its good work is not forgotten: "In your June paper you have quite a sketch of Miriam Chapter, Chicago, that reminds me of old times. I attended several of their socials and social meetings in 1876 and 77, and knew Mrs. Kley very well and remember Mrs. Pitkin also. They have no doubt forgotten me, still there was where I first got my idea of the good that could be done by the O. E. S., and when I reached my majority I joined the parent and have for years talked Eastern Star, but until last year did not see my hopes realized."

Queen Esther Auxiliary recently sent a "bed comfort" to the Michigan Masonic Home at Grand Rapids, and received from Brother William P. Innes, Secretary, the following letter: "My Dear Sister, this morning I had a lovely call from Mrs. Davidson, Past Grand Matron of this jurisdiction, who informed me that she had received a 'comfort' presented to our Michigan Masonic Home by the auxiliary of Queen Esther Chapter of your place. Permit me, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Michigan Ma-

sonic Home Association, to tender through you to that lovely band of workers, our grateful thanks for your kindly remembrance of your far-away brothers and sisters in connection with the Masonic Home. We accept the gift, I assure you, with heartfelt thanks, and shall ever hold the donors in kind remembrance."

ST. MARY'S HALL.

From all the schools and colleges in the country, come processions of bright young women with loads of books, graduated into the grand arena of the nineteenth century; with bright young minds and sympathetic hearts, ready to take up life's battle in earnest. The girl of to-day has every cause to to congratulate herself; for with perseverance and grit she may enter any field of work she chooses, and be respected therein.

Amid so many schools for girls, none are more valuable than church schools, in that they surround a girl with the Christian influences which the best public schools cannot give. St. Mary's Hall, of Indianapolis, under the auspices of the Protestant Episcopal Church, is a flourishing school and the pride of the Rt. Rev. D. B. Knickerbacker's heart.

The graduating exercises of the school held June 9, at Propylaeum Hall, were most enjoyable. The class motto is "Tempus Omnia Revelat," and the colors violet and white. The graduates were: Miss Alice Atkinson, Miss Anna M. Coe, Miss Katharine Caylor, Miss Elizabeth I. Cooper. In elocution, Miss Huntsinger—class of '90.

The essays were well-read and greeted with applause by the crowd of friends present.

The salutatory was given by Miss Alice Atkinson, who spoke on "The Place of Women in Art." She described woman's discouragements, her questionable success and enlargement of the sphere of art by her influence in inspiring, refining and encouraging artists. Miss Katharine Caylor's subject was: "We Build Our Own Monuments." She spoke at length of the lives of famous artists, writers, philanthropists and statesmen, saying that each individual could be to his home what famous men are to the nation. Miss Elizabeth I. Cooper read an able essay on "Modern Music," saying that the time is coming when music will be a universal art, refining pleasure and stimulating work. Miss Huntsinger recited "The Trial of Queen Catherine" in a manner that won for her hearty applause. The essay of Miss Anna M. Coe, the valedictorian, was a very well-written, interesting sketch of the struggles of human beings to obtain riches, fame, learning and pleasure. The essay was called "Paths." The valedictory was in verse, and a touching tribute to the writer's friends and teachers. Music was furnished by Mrs. Aquilla Jones, Miss Clare and Miss Huntsinger.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Graves delivered an interesting talk on the value of church schools, and Bishop Knickerbacker presented the fol-

lowing prizes: The Bishop Knickerbacker prize for conscientious work, to Miss Anna Louise Beck; English, Miss Alexandria P. Hale; rapid progress in music, Miss Evelyn Scott; progress in Latin, Miss Elizabeth Noble; rapid progress in French, Miss Laura Fisher; for rapid improvement, Miss Marian Dorsey. A prize by Mrs. Benjamin F. Tuttle for Christian courtesy, was won by Miss Alice Atkinson; the H. Leiber prize for drawing, by Miss A. M. Coe, and the Christ Church gold medal for the highest general average by Miss Grace Roberts, of Oxford, Ind.

NOT THE LEAST AMONG THE MANY.

Among the diseases incident to chapter life there is none more difficult to treat than that of indifference.

It is prevalent in all climates, and is peculiar to no people. Neither age nor sex escapes it, and when once it is contracted it clingeth closer than a brother. The afflicted do not seem aware of the extreme danger of it, and therein lies the greatest difficulty. It robs life, whether it be of the individual or the organization of its pleasure, its beauty and its usefulness. Its seed is scattered broadcast and its victims may be counted by the thousands. Indeed it is an increasing evil that seriously threatens many otherwise valuable lives. It cannot count to itself the slightest value, and nowhere is it recorded as having added to the world's betterment or advancement. Yet, it possesses some potent charm that lures on and on, until to face about requires the moral courage of a hero.

Its first stages are easily detected by friends who administer mild doses of caution and earnest suggestion, and wonder at its not resulting in a cure, sometimes not even raising sufficient enthusiasm to provoke an argument, always however, calling forth a smile from the sufferer, a sort of an "I am wiser than thou" smile, and it meets with the usual reception given to proffered advice.

It threatens the life of many chapters, and the query comes what can be done? Aye. Aye. What can be done? These indifferent individuals are the barnacles that hinder the progress of many a trim fair sailing vessel, and the crew seem helpless.

The same medicine will not do for all cases but the disease should be arrested before it becomes a settled habit, or there is no hope. It is both a pity and a shame, but the shame is greatest, that one endowed with ability, strength and all necessary equipments for active duty, should allow the wheels of life to clog and often stop, for the lack of oiling the machinery by usefulness and activity. Wherein lies the pleasure of folded hands when all about are those who need the service of them? The blessings of life lie not in being ministered unto, but in ministering unto others.

The chapter that is burdened with these human, "I don't care," "I'm not interested," "It's too warm," "It's too cold," "Let's hurry through and get home," "O dear, is there work

to-night?" etc., etc., etc., is certainly desperately diseased, and a strong antidote should be speedily administered. As for the officer or member who allows this state of affairs to exist—first, there should be a season of heart-searching to know whether or not they are worthy of the trust reposed in them by their associates. If they cannot offer service worthy of the work, they should immediately yield it to others. Second—each individual should consider, whether officer or member only, that for the success or failure of the chapter, they are in the measure of their ability and strength responsible.

Certainly one who assumed the obligation of his "own free choice," can but desire to keep it in earnestness and truth. Then see to it that full service is rendered on your part, and spare not the word that shall awaken to activity the brother for sister who is under the baneful spell of indifference.

ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN.

June 24, St. John's Day was observed by the Masonic Lodge and the Chapter O. E. S., at Winamac. Nature has prepared for outdoor gatherings within easy walk of the town a beautiful grove, and the sisters and brothers had made all arrangements to add to nature everything necessary to make a day of perfect enjoyment. But alas! The weeping heavens held them all morning between hope and fear. The surrounding chapters had been invited, and despite the discouraging outlook, Fidelity, of Logansport—true to its name—came in by special train eighty-four strong, and others were added to the number. They were met at the depot by the Reception Committee and escorted to Masonic Hall, where greetings and good wishes were exchanged.

About twelve it was decided to take to the grove regardless of the promise of the clouds that hovered over us, and the result was a most delightful afternoon, fully repaying those who ventured.

Dinner was served and then followed the program, which consisted of music by the Winamac orchestra, singing by members of the Lodge and Chapter, and an excellent address by Frank E. Gavin, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge, F. and A. M., which received as it merited, the attention and applause of the listeners.

Sister Nettie Ransford spoke in interest and behalf of the Order of the Eastern Star, and members of Fidelity in response to an urgent request, gave a song or two.

Brother John T. Holsinger, W. M., presided and promised upon a future occasion, when the clans do congregate, efforts would be made to have the weather "behave itself."

The brothers, who had Lodge meeting that night, very kindly shortened the meeting, and with the sisters, held an informal reception until the south-bound train made parting necessary.

Altogether the day was one long to be remembered, and will be treasured among the joys whose sweetness time cannot change.

GLEANINGS.

ARKANSAS.

Sister Hettie Penn, G. Sec., was elected for the sixth time at a regular meeting of her chapter at Harrison early in June, and was publicly installed on June 24.

As I have never seen anything from this part of Arkansas, I thought I would write something about our chapter. We have the oldest chapter in the State, Jacinto, situated at Jacksonville. We meet the first Saturday in each month at 10 a. m. Had a good meeting June 4 and elected our officers. Sister M. J. Douglass, W. M.; J. H. Douglass, W. P.; Sister M. E. McCaine, A. M.; Annie Robinson, Sec. Will meet June 24 to install officers, and expect to have a Masonic picnic. We have about thirty members, but most of us live too far from the hall to meet as often as we would like. Have just bought a new carpet for the hall. Take THE EASTERN STAR and could not do without it. A. R.

CALIFORNIA.

Ungava Chapter, Riverside, is in good condition, and the members all seem interested. May 24 the members, with invited friends, held a picnic at Harlem Springs.

CONNECTICUT.

Meridian Chapter Meriden, met June 15, in Masonic Hall, there being about fifty members present. After routine business there was a short literary entertainment. A solo by Mr. Peers, of Wallingford, and a recitation by the W. M., after which strawberries, lemonade, etc., were served, and the usual good social time followed. It was voted to hold a public chapter of sorrow, September 15, in memory of the members of the Order who have died during the past year. L. C.

GEORGIA.

Queen Esther Chapter has been invited to unite with the Masonic Fraternity in a July celebration on the 3th. This chapter has only been organized a few weeks, but their enthusiasm shows earnest workers.

IDAHO.

Gem of Mountains Chapter, Lewiston, was chartered by the M. W. G. P., June 10, and Daniel Martin White appointed deputy to organize it.

ILLINOIS.

At the meeting of Wyoming Chapter. Tuesday evening, June 7, the degrees were conferred upon two candidates, and three applicants were elected. The officers were attired in their new robes, which have just been purchased at a cost of \$100. Sister McCorkle, D. G. M., is a member of this flourishing chapter and its success is due largely to her zeal and labor in the work of the O. E. S.

Dawson Chapter, U. D., held a regular meeting June 12, for work, inspection and entertained Mary A. Bradley, of Decatur, D. G. M. of the 10th Dist. Flower City and Lalla Rooke Chapters of Springfield, responded in

full force to an invitation. They presented the Deputy with a large cake, iced and with the star in colors, and the letters O. E. S. and otherwise significantly decorated. Immense bunches of June roses were showered, and a banquet followed.

Paris Chapter was pleasantly entertained June 10, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Scott. The house was beautifully decorated with flowers and vines, and a floral star was suspended in the archway between the parlors. The program consisted of music and recitations, and the performers received considerable applause. Berries, cream and cake were served and the guests departed at a late hour with many expressions of having spent an enjoyable evening.

Queen Esther Chapter, Chicago, at its meeting held June 18, invited the G. M., Jane Ricketts, and the D. D. of the 1st Dist., Lizzie U. Winship. The G. M. sent regrets, but Sister Winship responded in person. There was work, and the views which were the gift of Sister Pitkin, were used for the first time, and was so well done as to call for the congratulations. The Deputy, Sister Winship, spoke highly of the work. At a previous meeting, Sister Pitkin had been voted a life member, and on this evening the W. M., Jennie McClellan, presented a framed certificate of the action of the chapter to Sister Pitkin, and in very earnest words assured her of the love and esteem born her by her chapter associates—a fitting compliment worthy of the chapter and the recipient. Sister Winship was presented with a lovely basket of flowers, Sister Pitkin with a bunch of yellow roses surrounded with ferns and Sister Mate L. Chester, A. G. C., a bunch of red roses. Sister Jennie A. Walker, P. G. M., and W. M. of Rising Sun Chapter, with other members, were visitors, and the G. P., A. H. Wright, with representatives from other city chapters were present, and added to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Olive Chapter celebrated its first anniversary June 11. The room was crowded with visiting members from sister chapters and their friends. Bro. Geo. Marchbank delivered a short address of welcome, and Sister Marguerite Kley, P. D. G. M. of 1st Dist., read a beautiful address, which was received with much enthusiasm, after which Miss Clara Brown gave a recitation, little Miss Hanchett, a whistling solo, a recitation by Jennie Going and a song by Mrs. Crocker. The following officers clad in their elegant new robes, rendered the Floral Work in a manner which aroused much enthusiasm, the officers being obliged to return to the room and repeat a part of the march: Sister H. R. Port, W. M.; Kittie Spike, A. M.; Hattie Kenny, Con.; Mannie Kilduff, A. C.; Frances E. Gardner, A.; Tena Tynburner, R.; Carrie Turner, E.; Maggie Dickerman, M.; Lizzie Aris, E.; Polly McGregor, Cand.; Brother Robbins, Org. Sister Kenny presented Sister Kley with a beautiful double berry-dish and spoon on a silver stand. The sister spoke very feelingly, thank-

ing Sister Kley for the valuable assistance rendered them at all times when needed, showing a just appreciation of a pleasant service rendered to the officers of the chapter during the past year. They also presented the sister with the lovely floral star used in the ceremony. Bro. Wright, G. P., was present and spoke of the growth and usefulness of the Order. He said he would be able to report to the next meeting of the Grand Chapter 10,000 members; he also said that he did not hope to organize as many chapters this year as were last, because he thought it would be impossible. He had already granted twenty-four dispensations for chapters and had no doubt but that the number of chapters organized this year would be even larger than the number organized last. Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, P. G. M. and R. W. G. Sec., was then introduced and gave an eloquent and pleasing address, complimenting the chapter and Order, assuring them that the Order was enthusiastically progressing; after which refreshments were served by the ladies of the chapter. Sister Benjamin Robinson, of Fairbury Chapter, was present and expressed herself as spending a most delightful evening.

IOWA.

Harmony Chapter, Council Bluffs, is steadily growing, and is well named.

FROM THE GRAND MATRON.

May 22 a very fine chapter was organized by Maria Jackson, G. M., at Spencer. It is composed of some of the best people of that pretty and enterprising town, and the officers are all anxious to make the chapter one of the best in the State. They adopted the name Evening shade Chapter. Sophie Williams, W. M.; John T. McElhiney, W. P.; J. T. Constant, Sec.

May 26 Dallas Chapter was instituted at Dallas Center, by Maria Jackson, G. M., though not so large in number, the members are a very desirable class of people, and the officers zealous, ambitious and competent to equal any in the State. Nella R. Knight, W. M.; W. J. Studley, W. P.; S. Sneson, Sec.

May 30 Signet Chapter, Carroll, received a visit of inspection from the G. M., Maria Jackson. A very pleasant meeting was the result, supper was served at six o'clock in the dining-room, after which the work was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner; each officer did well, though the ritual was seen more than desirable, but as some were pro tem officers that was in some cases excusable. Sister M. Miller, W. M.; M. Simons, W. P.; H. C. Stevens, Sec.

May 31 Maria Jackson, G. M., visited and inspected Wall Lake Chapter, although it was a cold, wet night, the members turned out in force, the officers doing their work in a first-class manner without rituals; had this chapter a large hall in which to show off its work, it would have but few equals in the State. A banquet followed, which was enjoyed by all. The G. M. had the unexpected

pleasure of here meeting the G. Chap., Rev. E. S. Johnson, formerly of Danbury, but now stationed at Wall Lake. Emma Smith, W. M.; F. F. Strong, W. P.; Sister T. E. Wilcox, Sec. On the following Sunday the many friends of the W. M. of this chapter and her husband were called upon to show their sympathy and sorrow by attending the funeral of their only child, a bright boy of thirteen who accidentally shot himself in the throat with a revolver June 2. The members of the O. E. S. will all sympathize with Sister and Brother Smith in this terrible affliction. Bro. Johnson, G. Chap., O. E. S., preached the funeral sermon.

June 1 Sac Chapter, Sac City, was visited by the G. M. Owing to the absence from the State of both W. M. and Sec., the notice of the visit was not received until the morning of the meeting, but it being a regular meeting that did not matter. As several of the regular officers were absent, this chapter did not show to such good advantage as it otherwise would have done, of course with pro tem officers too many rituals are seen, but those officers who were present did their work well. Two new candidates were received. Refreshments followed the close of the initiatory work, and a general good time was enjoyed by all. This chapter has the use of some of the nicest rooms in the State, one large room furnished by the ladies they have entirely for their own use. Alice Baxter, W. M.; J. G. Comstock, W. P.; Sister Lamroe, A. M.

June 2, Early Chapter, at Early, was organized by the G. M., with twenty-three charter members, several more from the country were unable to come in on account of the roads being so bad. Although Early is a small place, there is good material for a fine chapter, and the officers start out with the determination to commit the work as soon as possible and make it a success. Lizzie Graham, W. M.; Joseph Cory, W. P.; Mary A. Fuller, A. M.; D. D. Carlton, Sec.

June 6 Lake Queen Chapter was organized at Lake City by the G. M. with thirty charter members, and many more anxious to petition for the degrees. The prospects for this chapter are most flattering; excavating for a new Masonic Hall has already commenced, and the members of the O. E. S. are getting ready to do their work in first-class style by the time they are able to move into their new home. Chapters at Sac City and Wall Lake will have to look to their laurels, or their new neighbor will be stealing them away both in regard to hall and work. Mary A. Toliver, W. M.; J. M. St. John, W. P.; E. J. Flinn, Sec.

June 14 the G. M. instituted a very promising chapter at New Hartford, though this is only a small place, it is a very good one, and the corps of officers selected are energetic and efficient, taking up the work in a manner which made it a pleasure to instruct them, and which promises to make New Hartford Chapter one of our brightest stars. Jennie Sprague, W. M.; F. W. Paulger, W. P.; F. O. Canfield, Sec.

June 17 the G. M. visited Cedar Falls Chapter. A special meeting was called and a very enjoyable one it proved, the work was exemplified very nicely, though here, as in so many other chapters, the ritual was used more than it should. Cedar Falls Chapter is composed of some of the best people in town, and if they will abandon the use of the ritual can equal any chapter in the State. Mary A. Knapp, W. M.; Wm. Morris W. P.; Ella Morris, Sec.

INDIANA.

Tippecanoe Chapter, Winamac, though but three years old, is zealous and doing good work. No rituals are used in the chapter-room.

Queen Esther Chapter, at its meeting of June 17, initiated one candidate and thirteen petitioned for the degrees.

Queen Esther Chapter held its annual picnic at Armstrong Park, North Indianapolis, June 22. The day was almost perfect, and the congregation of stars seemed to enjoy themselves.

Athens Chapter, Crawfordsville, gave its first of a series of socials on May 19. Although the weather was unfavorable, a goodly number participated and an enjoyable program of music was rendered.

Ruth Chapter, Peru, initiated three candidates at the meeting held June 11, and with one or two exceptions the work was rendered without the use of rituals. May this excellence soon have no exception.

Hope Chapter, Lafayette, indulged in an excursion to Lake Maxinkuckee on June 15. The day was almost perfect, and while the crowd was not large, the enjoyment of those who participating was pronounced delightful. They have purchased a new organ which they purpose soon to present to the brother Masons.

Queen Esther Auxiliary met with Sister Whiting, four miles north of the city, June 10, and enjoyed a most delightful afternoon. The attendance was large and they were favored with the presence of Sister Pentecost, of Sunbeam Chapter, Mt. Vernon, and Sister Ruch, of Columbia City Chapter. The refreshments were cake and berries from their own patch, and cream of home raising.

Spencer Baker Chapter, Hebron, was organized Jan. 14, and the charter was granted at the last G. C. meeting. On June 7 P. P. Hathaway, and P. M. Bennett, with other members of Tippecanoe Chapter, installed the officers of the newly chartered chapter. The occasion was one of much pleasure, and of course an excellent banquet was served. The Winamac Stars took the midnight train for home, and as they left the coach a traveler was heard to remark that now the coach would be in darkness.

In response to an invitation from Sister McGrew, A. G. C., the G. P., Brother E. N. Wilkinson, attended a social re-union of Milroy Chapter, and Masons and their families on

the evening of June 7. It was a pleasant evening with sisters and brothers of the Order in that enterprising little city. What they lack in numbers they make up in zeal, for certainly everything connected with their meeting was admirably conceived and arranged and happily carried out. The G. P. was accompanied by sisters Munson and Whitesel, of Knightstown Chapter, who rendered "Ruth and Naomi" in their usual impressive manner. The W. M., Sister Thomas, presided, and a very excellent program was given of music and recitation. The local orchestra received, as it well deserved, much praise. The G. P. gave a talk which all enjoyed. The entertainment closed by serving ice cream and cake with its accompaniment of conversation and repartee.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD:—Scottsburgh Chapter gave a rose tea June 4, and to say we had a good time would only be a faint idea of the enjoyment of those present. The girls and Matrons looked lovely with their rose tarleton aprons glittering with silver stars. Each member wore a pink rose with silver star in the center. The tables were draped with rose tarleton and were literally covered with roses and stars, and it did seem that the sisters certainly had tried themselves on cake-making, of which there was an abundance. It was altogether an enjoyable affair and a real success. June 11, the chapter met in regular session, and we conferred the degrees on four candidates and elected six. Scottsburgh Chapter is fast working her way to the top of the ladder. In the way of work we feel we are equal to any, for our work is done without the aid of rituals, and each and every member seem to be striving for one aim, the success of our Order and loving one another.

M. B. D.

Hope Chapter, Lafayette, celebrated its twentieth anniversary on the evening of May 26, and the commemoration was in every way a credit to the chapter. The room was beautifully decorated with flowers, and an orchestra charmed the ear with sweet melodies. There were guests from the chapter at Rensselaer, Otterbein, Frankfort and Fowler, and the G. M., Eva M. Hollinger, was also present. The banquet-hall was elaborate in its preparation and the tables handsomely arranged and decorated. After the banquet the guests were entertained by the Vocal Star, which was well rendered by the regular officers of the chapter when the social features were introduced by a welcome address by the first W. M., Mary A. Comstock, which was responded to by the G. M. Then came the history of the chapter by its Sec., Sister A. E. Sensney, and until the wee sma hours the festivities were continued. Hope steps into another year full of zeal and earnestness, and the sincere wish is that she may round off another score of years and count to herself credit and honor for having done what she could for the uplifting of humanity.

Fidelity Chapter, Logansport, celebrated its seventh anniversary May 5. In the after-

noon a party of about fifty Kokomo Stars, who were invited to participate, were met at the depot by the committee and escorted to the chapter-rooms, where the time was spent in social converse until the supper hour. The supper served promptly at 6 p. m. was enjoyed by all. It was truly a feast for the eye and palate, as the table and banquet-hall were trimmed with apple blossoms in profusion. After serving the guests and trying to appease the pangs of the ever-hungry "Fidelities" with the good things at hand to eat, the tables were cleared and an impromptu stage erected, and the musical and literary program of the evening carried out. This was opened by an address on "The History of the Chapter," by the W. P., Dr. B. C. Stevens. One part of the program worthy of special mention was the recitation given by Miss Bertha Mehlig, a little girl from Kokomo. The tableaux presented to the audience that evening received praise from all, and they were indeed beautiful. There were five, representing the different Star points lighted with their respective emblematical colors. The sixth tableau, in which Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha and Electa were grouped effectively, made the grand finale. As some time must elapse before the Kokomo train was due, cream and cake was served and dancing indulged in, until the guests were obliged to start to the depot. On the whole, the anniversary of Fidelity Chapter was a decided success. C. D. B.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD:—June 14 was excessively warm, yet Terre Haute Chapter opened with sixty-two members, and before its close several more were admitted. Three candidates were introduced and initiated into the mysteries of the Order. After the work, which was rendered to the satisfaction of the Grand Matron, which was present. The chapter was closed and the second division most royally entertained the chapter. Charming music—the opening number was given by the Symphony Club, Jr., which was followed by a vocal solo by Miss Wright. Miss Katharine Fischer, a sister of our G. M., gave a reading, which was so enthusiastically applauded that she was obliged to respond. She has much of her gifted sister, Miss Alice's dramatic talent, her readings are very fine and always call for a repetition. The fourth number was a trio, as a distinguished brother whose name shall not be given just here, as he immediately left the city, after he and a sister, whose name shall also be omitted, executed a "skirt dance," I think they called it; only a favored few witnessed that part of the entertainment, which was an impromptu affair, and should be seen to be appreciated. The music on mandolins, by Masters Emecke and Sibley, with piano accompaniment by Louise Dahlen, was very charming and called for an encore. The Ladies' Quartette, by members of the Oritorio Society, Hattie Beasley being one of the number, was very fine indeed, and called for "one more." The musical part of the entertainment closed with two

numbers by the Symphony Club. Brother Frank P. Sargent, master of ceremonies, announced that there was still more to follow, and to form in line and forward march. When the doors of the blue room were opened and behold! a most beautifully laid table in the form of an H, in honor of Sister Hollinger. Lovely flowers and palms adorned the tables, and from the chandeliers in the center descended smilax and ribbons of the emblematic colors, which were lost among the flowers. Favours of coronation pinks were placed upon each napkin, and to each officer an exquisite corsage bouquet was given, for which thanks are due to sisters Fannie and Nettie Heintz, wife and daughter of Bro. Lawrence Heintz, who is one of our leading florists. Sister Heintz was chairman of the committee on this entertainment, together with sisters Goodwin and Gardiner, brothers Isbell, Huston, and Sister Hollinger. So one cannot wonder at the excellence and lavishness presented. The refreshments consisted of cream and cake. The master of ceremonies then announced that the G. M. had received and was prepared to confer upon those desiring, the supreme degree of the Queen of Sheba, the Queen being present, but not visible except to those receiving the degree. It is particularly impressive and lasting perhaps, as Bro. Heintz and Sister Siedentopf can testify. Bro. Wilson, Sister Dahlen and several others, your humble servant included were singly presented and—well, they will ever remember the impressive lesson taught by the exalted Queen. Any chapter desiring these instructions would do well to request the G. M. when she happens among them to enlighten them, although the degrees cannot be given in full without the presence of Frank P. Sargent and the formidable sword carried upon the occasion, and as Bro. S. is continually on the wing there is no certainty of securing his services. Hoping dear sister, that too much of your valuable space is not taken, I will close by saying that the evening of June 14, 1892, was one of pleasure as well as instruction, to all who availed themselves of the privilege to enter within the doors of Terre Haute Chapter. S. E. A.

KANSAS.

Sister Abbie H. Gibson, W. M. of Miriam Chapter, Emporia, instituted a chapter at Parkerville, June 24, St. John's day.

In the recent cyclone Harper was devastated and Cypress Chapter was robbed of all its paraphernalia and hall. Everything is in ruins. It is to be hoped they will receive encouragement and will soon again be established better than before.

June 18, Sister Ellen A. Kenner constituted Golden Crown Chapter and installed its officers. She was assisted by Sister Mary Branson as G. Mar. Following the work ice cream and cake was served and a general good time was enjoyed. Golden Crown starts out with very bright prospects.

June 10, Queen Bess Chapter, Eureka, gave

a "Hard Time Social." Everybody wore their everyday clothes, and any one indulging in a "dress up" was fined \$1.00 and costs. Ice cream, cake and lemonade were the refreshments, and games and dancing was indulged in. Ten cents admitted one, what the cost after one was in is not stated.

Carrie O. Getty, G. M. has appointed Eudora D. Hall, P. G. M., D. D. of the 7th Dist. which gives her thirty chapters to visit. June 8 Sister Hall constituted Belle Plaine Chapter, assisted by Anna Applegate, W. M. of Ivy Leaf as G. Mar. An elegant banquet was spread, to which about forty members were seated. June 18 she constituted Shasta Chapter, Kiowa, and installed its officers. This town is lively and the people capable and should have a fine chapter.

June 7 a stated meeting of Ivy Leaf Chapter, Wichita, was held. Eight candidates were made members, two by affiliation. This makes twenty-two initiations so far this year, with bright prospects ahead. But we are sorry to say we are also losing good working members by removal, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Tegthy (our Sen. and Adah) moving to Oklahoma, Miss Grober (Ruth) to California, Minnie Barnett, (A. Con.) married and removed to St. Louis. We bid them God speed, and hope their new homes will be pleasant.

M. E. H.

The annual memorial services, or chapter of sorrow for Progress Chapter, at Parsons, was held May 20. In memory of Bro. Alfred Wick, Bro. Auson Cryder and Sister Clara Bennett, who had died during the past year. The large and commodious Masonic Hall was well filled with members and friends of the deceased. The hall decorations were beautiful and appropriate, and the floral offerings were many, rich and appropriate. The services were solemn, impressive, and well rendered. Obituaries were offered for each of the deceased, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. The whole program seemed to be appreciated, as all work of the Eastern Star should be. M.

Olive Chapter, Ft. Scott, met in regular session, but owing to some misunderstandings, no candidates were in waiting. Four petitions were ballotted upon. We were favored with several visiting members from our sister chapters. Sister Moore, the Con. of Rob Morris Chapter, a brother from Eldorado, one from Bronsons and one sister from Fulton. Brother and Sister Bennett, from Kansas City, Kan., were with us and all favored us with a few remarks. All were very much disappointed at not seeing the work rendered. Sister Johnson favored us with some nice music. Sister Pearsall brought before the chapter the affliction which Towanda Chapter had passed through, and what the G. C. had done for them, and asked Olive Chapter to remember our obligations to help in time of need. Brother Stewart made a motion that ten dollars be sent Towanda to help them in getting started again. Chapter then closed

and all adjourned to the banquet-room for refreshments.

Notwithstanding the extreme warm evening, Miriam chapter, Emporia, had an attendance of forty-seven. Eight were balloted upon and three conducted through our labyrinth. After the general routine of business, the W. M. gave a synopsis of Grand Chapter proceedings, in which she spoke proudly of Miriam as having been pronounced the banner chapter as to growth, it having added sixty to its membership in the past Grand Chapter year. In the past twelve months eighty have been conducted through our mystic Star. On June 8, the chapter was called together for work. After initiation cake and ice cream was served. A musical feast followed conducted by our organist, Flora B. Kenney. At the conclusion the W. M., Abbie H. Gibson, announced that the R. A. M. banquet had been set for June 10. As this was the last banquet of the season of this nature, it was one long to be remembered and highly to the credit of the chapter. H.

Olive Chapter, Ft. Scott, met on the 3rd in regular session. Two candidates were in waiting, ten petitions were ballotted on and six received. Sister Johnson favored us with a beautiful solo. Sister Pearsall then came forward and presented Sister Hepler, P. G. M., with a copy of resolutions in a few words as follows:

Sister Mary A. Hepler, it is with great pleasure that I present to you on behalf of Olive Chapter, this copy of resolutions adopted and framed with loving thoughts, as a slight token of remembrance, for the many years of attendance and faithful work you have given us. That you accept and cherish it, is the wish of all the members of Olive Chapter tonight.

Sister Hepler responded in the following words:

My dear sisters and brothers, in accepting this kind token of love from you, it adds one more link to the chain that binds us together; and as I call to mind the frequent expressions you have shown me of your esteem, I often ask, am I worthy? My prayer is that I may so live, that I shall always be deemed worthy in your eyes, and appreciate all the love, all the compliments, all the favors, your generous hearts have bestowed upon me. Again I thank you, and may the blessings of our Heavenly Father rest upon each and every one of you. And as oft as Olive Chapter meets around her sacred altar, may she symbolize unity, peace, forbearance and good will one toward another.

A special was called for Monday evening and four candidates were initiated. We were honored with the following visiting members: Eudora E. Hall, G. W. M.; Brother Hall and Sister Mary Hall, Wichita; sisters Armstrong and Ziegler, Eldorado; Sister Kenner, Eureka; Sister Weaver, Mapleton, and Sister Thomas, Kansas City. Sister Pulliam, our efficient W. M., called the chapter up and had the Marshal escort the W. G. M. to the East, when we saluted her with the grand honors. She favored us with a short address, and complimented our officers on their proficiency in the work, after which we adjourned to the banquet-room for refreshments. J. M. P.

MONTANA.

Miriam Chapter, Helena, is prosperous. At a meeting recently held six were initiated, and at a subsequent meeting there were seventy-two members present. The work was excellently rendered without the aid of rituals. The W. M. is especially well selected, not only doing her work well, but being regular and prompt in attendance. An excellent qualification in an officer.

MISSOURI.

Mary E. Wakefield is paying official visits to several chapters in that jurisdiction. She visited Randolph Chapter, Moberly, June 21, and six candidates were initiated. A banquet followed and a very enjoyable meeting is recorded. The chapter commemorated the occasion by presenting her with a beautiful hand-painted vase. On one side was the emblematic star while the reverse bore a suspended gavel and "Randolph Chapter," then "M. E. W."

MINNESOTA.

Excelsior Chapter showed its appreciation of the honor conferred by the Grand Chapter in selecting two of its members for Grand Officers. At a meeting following the annual meeting of G. C., there were invited guests, and the Floral Work was rendered, which called forth congratulations to the officers by the members. Elegant bouquets were presented Lillie E. Mason, A. G. M., and Estelle M. Apgar, G. Org., after which an entertaining program was rendered. Refreshments and a social time followed.

MICHIGAN.

A chapter was organized at Clinton, May 24, by Sister A. A. Matteson, P. G. M. The chapter has thirty-three charter members, with Emma VanDeMark, W. M.; Charles Keyes, W. P., and Minerva White, A. M.

Middleville Chapter was very generously favored with an invitation from Oriental Chapter, of Grand Rapids, to visit that worthy and fraternal body on May 24. The proposal was met with much favor, and accepted in the same cheerful spirit as it was granted. About forty of the members of Middleville Chapter, with merry glee and happy hearts, availed themselves of the pleasure thus accorded them. We were met at Grand Rapids by a reception committee, who had their guests conveyed in omnibuses to their beautiful hall, where we were greeted with many pleasant words and smiles, which served to teach us the invaluable lesson that it may be

stormy without, but there always "may be sunshine within." The storm seemed to prevent the successful carrying out of all plans arranged previously for the entertainment of guests, but notwithstanding, all found pleasant diversion. Conveyances were at once in readiness, and all who chose to go, enjoyed drives to the Soldiers' Home, and to other places of interest, did so. On our return to the hall we found a sumptuous banquet spread, to which we did justice, it being served to over one hundred shining Stars at once. Through the fraternal kindness of Messrs Strahan and Parish, a goodly number of visiting gentlemen were escorted to and shown through the various apartments of the Masonic Temple, which is most conveniently arranged and elegantly furnished throughout. Among the many pleasures enjoyed was that of witnessing the exemplification of the work by Oriental Chapter, whose officers do the work in such a perfect manner that it is decidedly pleasing to behold; they certainly did much credit to the Order. After the work had been completed a few moments were left before train time, which were occupied, by short speeches from members of the Middleville and Hastings Chapters. Thus closed the hours of our stay with the universal verdict, all had a good time, and much enjoyed our visit to Oriental Chapter.

One of those pleasant gatherings which like milestones, point out the sunny spots along life's pathway, was the fraternal greeting of Alma Chapter to the visiting members of Mt. Pleasant Chapter, on the evening of May 20. In response to an invitation from the Alma fraternity, a large party went over to Alma. We were met at the depot by the W. M., Mrs. Turk; A. M., Mrs. Smith, and Bro. Capell, and were escorted immediately to their hall, which by the way, shows the delicate touch of woman's hand, as well as the more practical effects of her well-directed labors in the new and beautiful plush sofas, which extend the length of both sides of their spacious hall, and which were purchased principally by the ladies. Chairs and tables of the colors appropriate to their station adorned the points of the Star. Tables, stands and altar were decorated with plants, and the air was redolent of the perfume of May.

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flowers. After an exchange of greetings, we were invited to the banquet-hall, where a hungry company did ample justice to the bountifully spread table, which was spread with all the delicacies of the season, calling forth the highest praise for the Alma ladies in their culinary skill, as well as in their generous supply. The ladies were ably assisted by their Star brethren, and if they are a fair sample of Alma's gentlemen, truly Alma may be almost called the banner town. After the banquet we were again invited to the hall where work was to be done. The chapter was called to order by the W. M. and the beautiful service of initiation given to three candidates, one of them being the young daughter of the W. M. The work was admirably done with an ease and grace and interest in the work, which made it very impressive. Rituals were entirely discarded. At the close of the work a short time was spent in social converse. The announcement that "twas train time," hastened our departure, having spent one of the pleasantest evenings of life, and long years must pass ere we will forget the kind and friendly greetings, the generous hospitality and the courtesies extended by the sisters and brothers of Alma Chapter. Long live and flourish Alma Chapter, is the unanimous wish of Mt. Pleasant Chapter.

MASSACHUSETTS.

At the regular meeting of Queen Esther Chapter, Boston, held June 13, five candidates were initiated. This chapter will celebrate its eighth anniversary, June 29.

Mary Love Chapter, Waltham, having asked and received permission of the Grand Chapter, therefore will hereafter be known by the name of Electa. This is one of the finest chapters in the State, and we trust that with its new name it may not only continue its good works, but increase in fervency and zeal, thereby honoring and representing the heroine whose name they have chosen. The July and August meetings have been suspended. At the close of the meeting June 15, ice cream and cake were served by caterer Dipl, of this chapter, in his parlors adjoining the hall.

Melrose Chapter, Melrose, celebrated its tenth anniversary, June 10, with an entertainment and banquet. The regular meeting was held at early evening, during which one candidate was received. The July and August meetings were suspended. The G. M., Louise J. Provin, and G. P., John P. Loring, were present, also a large number of visitors from Vesta Chapter, Charlestown. The banquet was served at the close of the meeting, and an entertaining program followed. The G. M. and G. P. were each called upon and extended congratulations, with words of praise and encouragement. The first Matron of the chapter, Abbie J. Pratt, having retired, her

successor, Dora Baker, responded for the chapter. A few others were called upon, but the lateness of the hour warned us that this, like all such pleasant occasions on earth, must close, and we separated to meet again in September.

Signet Chapter, Cambridge, gave its annual reception to the children of the members, June 9, with the usual pleasing result. After
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LITTLE TROUBLES.

[Woman's Journal.]

O friends, if the greater burdens
His love can make so light,
Why should His wonderful goodness
Our halting credence slight?
The little sharp vexations,
And the briars that catch and fret,
Shall we not take them to the Helper
Who never has failed us yet?

Tell Him about the heartache,
And tell Him the longings, too;
And tell Him the baffled purpose,
When we scarce knew what to do.
Then, leaving all our weakness
With the one divinely strong,
Forget that we bore the burden,
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—MARGARET E. SANGSTER.

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Mrs. Adency Irons was born in the State of New York.

Her girlhood home was Belmont, New York, where she received the best educational advantages which the place afforded, and at the age of seventeen had her first experience in "teaching the young idea how to shoot."

A year later she accompanied her parents to Wisconsin, where she continued her vocation of teaching until six years later when she was married.

She has been a resident of the "Badger State" for over thirty years, and has contributed for various papers and periodicals.

Sister Irons inherits her love for Masonry from ancestors on both her father's and mother's side, her grandfathers as far back as memory serves her, having been members of that honorable and ancient fraternity. With the inheritance was cultivated a love and reverence which strengthens with the years.

Her connection with the Order of the Eastern Star began with the organization of Tomah Chapter, which was instituted January 24, '91, and of which she was selected Worthy Matron. By her unfailing energy and zeal for the cause she has built up a flourishing chapter, second

to none in the State in thoroughness and interest in the work.

At the annual election of Tomah Chapter she was unanimously elected Worthy Matron for a second term, and by her fidelity to the principles and precepts of the Order, has fully proven that the members of the chapter, made no mistake in their choice.

The Grand Chapter of Wisconsin was organized February 19, '91, and by the vote of that Grand Body she was called to the highest position within its gift—that of Worthy Grand Matron. We can safely predict that



MRS. ADENCY IRONS.

there will never be a more successful year, or one more full of good results than the first year of this Grand Chapter. The membership increased from less than 500 to 1,521, and the number of chapters from ten to twenty-nine.

The Worthy Grand Patron in his address says: "Much of the prosperity and increase in the number of chapters is due to the earnest and untiring endeavors of our Worthy Grand Matron. She has done more for the

interest of this Grand Chapter than all the rest of us Grand Officers put together. Her heart is in the work, and I hope you will appreciate her untiring zeal for our Order."

From the "Masonic Tidings," published in Milwaukee, we clip the following:

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She is a model housekeeper; her various duties outside do not unfit her for the duties and pleasures of a well ordered home.

She has also been connected with other benevolent societies, and is always ready with aid and advice to the needy and sorrowing.

This is a woman's century. Her sphere has broadened, and never again can be compressed into the narrow limits of the domestic circle. Woman has evolved from slavery into self-rule and self-support. And what she has done here in America she will do in time the world over. The latter half of the nineteenth century has brought forth a new type of woman, and she has come to stay. She is a business woman—an independent factor in the realm of industry. She earns her own living; she is her own master. If a man wants to marry her he must take her as his equal, and not as a subordinate. She will not consent to being a mere moon, revolving round a masculine earth. She will be a twin star or nothing.—Rev. John L. Scudder,

nature. In word pictures, the red men again hunted, fished and fought, or smoked the peace-pipe beneath the unbroken forest.

Talking to Anne was like making impressions on the spotless white paper. Her education went no further than the rule of three, with only such ideas of history and literature as an old Fourth Reader could give.

It was a pleasure to Miss Curtis to see the girl's wondering eyes as she told of the remains still to be found of those ancient, simple times—arrow-heads of flint, stone battle-axes and mounds where sleep their dead. She told of a great wizard chieftain who laid a rival sachem and all his warriors asleep among the rocks and valleys, where to this day they lie with their bows and war-clubs beside them.

She told the charming tales of Sleepy Hollow, of Ichabod Crane and the Headless Horseman. She told of simple, dear, good-natured Rip Van Winkle, and his twenty years' sleep in the heart of the mountains. The Tappan See, Anthony's Nose, Spitting Devil Creek, all the spots made dear by gentle Irving's magic pen, were pointed out as they floated down the river.

Thus the day passed, and in the dusk the boat steamed into the slip and Anne was in New York.

She never forgot that drive, the rapid pace, the roar, the rush of the city, the confusion of vehicles, the people lining the pavements, the rows of gas-lamps and gleaming electric lights, the whirr, the surge of the elevated as they came up Sixth Avenue. The buildings were so tall, the pavements so stony that the heavens looked more distant to the lonely girl than where they tenderly domed her valley home.

The carriage turned into Fifty-second Street West, and they alighted at home, a second floor apartment of seven rooms, for which Miss Curtis paid the modest sum of fifteen hundred yearly. It was an ideal woman bachelor's apartment.

The polished floors were covered with Turkish and Persian rugs. A sword which her father bought in Cairo hung above a table from Constantinople. A rare bust from Italy touched an elegant old lacquer from Japan. A Louis XIV cabinet contained Indian curios from Alaska, bits of stone from the Acropolis, sand from near the Pyramids. Books were everywhere, on tables, in cases and even on the floor. The best thoughts of the best men and women were here accessible. And she who had made this nest for herself was a woman whose mind was as broad as her heart was kind, whose life was as just as her faith was pure.

It takes years of development to make a woman like Kate Curtis. When voyages abroad were rarer than they now are, she saw father, mother and lover go down before her eyes. She would gladly have followed them into the unquiet waters, but hands held her back. Since that fearful hour she has lived by putting as much as possible into her

life. She studied, traveled, painted, wrote; she not only helped herself but others, hiding in her heart her life sorrow.

Dinner was ready shortly after their arrival. The walls of the dining-room were hung with Indian matting, the frieze being of uncut palms. The furniture was of Cremona finished oak, the draperies of metallic blue. The fine linen, the delicate china, the cut glass and old silver impressed Anne, though she had no idea of the value of the things set before her. They dined alone, and after dinner Miss Curtis took the tired child to the room that was to be hers—only a hall bed-room, 'tis true, but very wonderful to Anne with its white iron bed and white dressing-case all draped in pink and white.

Poor little soul, it was the first beauty she had known, except the beauty of the woods and fields, and it takes a cultured perception to see the loveliness of those.

A few days after their arrival they made a trip to Long Beach, where Anne saw the ocean for the first time. It was so late that the season was over, and there were only two other parties on the beach. They sat in the sand and watched the white-capped blue waves at play. Now and then a ship, sails set, would drift by in the distance. Fishing-boats would go tacking slowly homeward. An ocean liner passed beyond their vision, bound for foreign shores. Excursion boats from Long Branch steamed in sight on their way to the city.

They were to go back on the seven o'clock train, and a little while before that time walked up to the station. A few poor bunches of golden rod grew here and there in the white sand, with which Anne filled her arms to take back to the city as a memento of the day.

In their long talk they decided on their future plans. Anne was to take certain light duties upon herself in the morning, and afterward be at liberty to study. Miss Curtis tried to encourage her, telling what women have and are doing for their own and other's good. She told of Louisa Alcott; her early poverty and trials before success came; of Charlotte Brontë, doing the family house-work, but yet finding time for literary pursuits; and of Lucy Larcom, the factory-girl, winning renown as a poet; while Anne listened and resolved to prove worthy of her friend's interest.

She was certainly good to look upon, was Anne, with heavy masses of dark brown hair, honest brown eyes, above which were straight black brows. Her chin was square, and all about her was the air of a person to be trusted.

As they boarded the car, its only other occupant, Mac McDonald, thought "what a strong face," and was glad to find Anne's chaperon to be Miss Curtis, his old friend. He had been shooting for the past week, and was just going back "to harness again," as he expressed it. They soon renewed old acquaintance and talked about Sir Edwin Arnold's expected trip through the United States, the coming of the Diva for a season of song, of the new dancer at the Casino, of the autumn ex-

hibit of pictures, of the dozens of topics which make conversation in New York.

After that, they had many pleasant little excursions together. They went to the museum of art one afternoon, and Anne received her first impression of what marble and paint can express. It must be confessed that the statues shocked and the curios bored her, but with the pictures, she succeeded better. The "Horse Fair" suited her, it made the blood run faster in her veins while she listened eagerly to the story of Rosa Bonheur's life. The picture called "Lost" appealed to her, too. She had seen the sheep huddled close together many a time, while the white snow drifted with the changing wind out on the mountains at home. The dim figure seen clinging to the cross in the back-ground touched her strong religious nature. She stood the longest before one called the "Last Token," representing an early Christian martyr in the arena at Rome. A tiger is creeping toward her, but the brute is unheeded—some one in that vast audience had thrown her a rose-bud, and she is looking with dim eyes for the one who has dared to show a touch of sympathy for the Christian—the out-cast. Mac's heart was hers when Anne simply turned to him and said, "I wonder, Mr. McDonald, if our faith could stand a test like that?"

So time passed. Anne really improved every minute. Her books were read and remembered. She puzzled over arithmetic and algebra and conquered. She observed social manners and customs, and committed no "barbarism" twice.

The summer after Anne went with Miss Curtis, her aunt died and Mr. Collier, with the children, went west. He had always thought that he should succeed "out there," and the children were anxious to go anywhere, now that Anne wrote to them of her new life. Anne's summer was spent at Cape Cod till the middle of September.

After Miss Curtis learned to love Anne she said, "dear, don't expect anything at my death, and don't feel under obligations to me. You have paid your way and are a great comfort to me. I would like to see your future assured, but my money is mine but for life. With a higher help I will endeavor to fit you to earn an honorable living, or if you are to be some one's wife, to be his equal, let his qualifications be what they may."

This second summer together was passed on the coast of Maine where Mac was with them two delightful weeks. They came home in October engaged. Then followed the happiest winter in Anne's life!

Their tastes were alike. Mac never came to the house without bringing some good book, a piece of music or a photograph of some famous painting to Anne. They attended the philharmonic together and went quite often to the opera. Among Miss Curtis' many friends, Anne had made a few who were glad to show her attention. It was six months of perfect happiness.

One day in the spring Miss Curtis and Anne came in from a drive in the park. This letter awaited Anne from her father, from whom she had not heard for some time:

PENSOC, TEXAS.

DEAR ANNE—We moved from Wisconsin down here and I have a ranch. I think you will have to come to us. I am sick and Clara and Jack are running wild. Clara and I cook and I have dyspepsia. Come soon, You can teach school when I am better.

YOUR LOVING FATHER.

Poor Anne carried the letter to her room and read and re-read it. Her first thought was a fierce resolve not to go. Miss Curtis needed her. Did she, could she not at any moment supply her place? And Mac—could he spare her for a few months? Her heart ached at the thought of father sick, he couldn't take care of himself well, and now sick and in a new country—she must go.

When she carried the letter to Miss Curtis, she coincided with Anne's opinion, and in the evening Mac was forced to submit that this was duty.

The next evening Anne left her neat and real home divided between anxiety for her father, sorrow at parting from Mac and Miss Curtis, and an unreasoning dread of the future. She only changed cars once, at Dallas, where she took a little narrow gauge for Pensoc.

It was early evening when she stepped from the car on the platform which constituted Pensoc station. Jack, tall, rough and tanned, met her, and was evidently awed by the prettily dressed woman before him. He awkwardly welcomed her by saying, "Pa thinks everything 'll be all right when you git here," as he took her to the "burro" cart. They were soon moving through the deep, yellow sand. Shadowy cacti loomed straight and tall toward the sky. It was so strange that the man at her side was Jack, little Jack! The hot air, the strange bright stars, the burros, the sand and buffalo grass, the picturesquely ugly cacti, were all so strange, everything seemed different.

Ah, Anne, dear Anne, as you ride through the arid plain, have your sweet eyes dim with tears, the gift of prophesy that you say "Good-by, good-by dear, dear Mac?"

ALICE STRONG.

GRAND CHAPTER OF IOWA FOR 1892.

The fifteenth annual session of the Grand Chapter of Iowa convened in Des Moines, Wednesday, September 14, every Grand Officer present excepting Grand Adah and Grand Esther.

The previous evening a reception and banquet was given to the visitors by Des Moines Chapter. The work was also exemplified the same evening. The various reports showed a very healthy condition of the Order in Iowa, there being eighteen new chapters and one revived.

The following officers were elected, appointed and installed by Past Most Worthy Grand

Matron, Jennie E. Matthews, Bro. Salts acting as Grand Marshal:

Mrs. Maria Jackson, Council Bluffs, Grand Matron.

Judge Winslow, Newton, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Lizzie Carhart, Manchester, Associate Grand Matron.

A. G. Small, Des Moines, Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Jennie Rule, Mason City, Grand Treas.

E. B. Dyke, Charles City, Grand Sec.

Mrs. Ada Davis, Clear Lake, Grand Conductress.

Mrs. Delia Waterbury, Marshalltown, Grand Associate Conductress.

Mrs. M. J. Adams, Decorah, Grand Chaplain.

Mrs. J. D. Maynard, Janesville, Grand Adah.

Mrs. Alice Pattison, Grand Ruth.

Mrs. M. Miller, Carroll, Grand Esther.

Mrs. Belle Y. Fais, Edlyville, Grand Martha.

Mrs. Mary H. Waldo, Carson, Grand Electa.

Mrs. H. M. Dolph, Ft. Madison, Grand Warder.

Theodore Schreiner, Mt. Pleasant, Grand Sentinel.

For The Eastern Star.

FORWARD MARCH!

A recent writer says that "one of the most notable movements of the day is the effort to teach patriotism in the public schools; that last year a flag drill was introduced into the public schools of New York City, and every morning boys and girls unite in songs and cheers as they salute the flag. Also, that in the Chicago public schools there is a regular annual prize for essays upon Patriotism, and this year two-thirds of the prizes were awarded to girls."

While reading these facts, a boy's parade was forming in front of my door. They had torches and flags and transparencies with mottoes printed on them such as "Harrison, he's the man, if I can't vote my father can."

The boys ages ranged all the way from three years to sixteen, and the daily press commended this display of enthusiasm on the part of the young republicans. They had a big brass drum and once a week were given a hall in which to drill.

Upon this occasion a war veteran and the constable and the postmaster all were helping the boys to form into line, and big boys and little boys were bustling about with much importance while the girls of the neighborhood looked on.

Finally a wee dot of a girl seized her brother's torch and started for the forming column with the owner of the torch screaming after.

"Give me my torch! give it to me!"

"You can't have it Johnnie. 'I'm a going to march to-night,' answered the plucky little midget.

"You! you're a girl! you can't march," was the scornful rejoinder. "Yes I can. I'm bigger than you, and girls can march just as well as anybody," and her eyes flashed and the torch went up at arm's length.

I was interested to see how this contest for equal rights would end, when a big man settled the matter by giving the torch to Johnnie and telling Mamie she could stand on the pavement and see the boys march.

Mamie submitted but not without lifting up her voice which was a powerful one for so small a body, and the burden of her lament was, "Oh, I wish I wasn't a girl! I wish I wasn't a girl! Girls can't do nothing. Girls can't march and they can't do nothing. Oh I wish I wasn't a girl! They can't carry a flag, they can't do nothing. Oh, oh, they can't do nothing."

"Yes we can," said another little mite. "Let's us have a parade all our very own. There Jessie, you stand there, and Katie, you come too, and Mamie, hush, you can be captain."

"But we hain't got no flag," moaned one disconsolate.

"Well, let's tie our handkerchiefs on sticks and pretend they're flags."

"But we hain't got no torch," came with a wail from Mamie.

"We can get some candles," said a bigger girl. The interest in the boy's parade was growing less every moment. The candles were brought out and lighted, and six little white handkerchiefs floated from as many tall rods, and the little maidens who all happened to be in white dresses, formed in line. Mamie had learned the word of command and stepping out as captain, shouted:

"Single file! Forward! March!" and all in the white glare of the electric light the small procession started on its march while the boys in the middle of the street, still wrangling and disobeying orders and shouting, were as far as ever from being ready.

As I sat on my doorstep and watched this little drama, I thought alas! through how many ages has been felt this ban of sex. How many hearts have silently repeated Mamie's wail "a girl can't do nothing." and as I turned back to my reading of the part girls are now taking in the public schools in flag celebrations, I saw in the small procession just formed, a prophecy of the future. In the white garments of their innocence with the light of knowledge aflame in one hand, and bearing aloft the white banner of peace in the other, the girls are already forming single file and passing on to victory. There may be no drum nor bugle to sound the note of their coming, but while politicians are wrangling and fighting over party issues, the electric light of a new civilization gleams upon the upturned, hopeful faces of the women of the nineteenth century.

M. SEARS BROOKS.

To frankly say I don't know, is honest, simple and unpretending. It is folly to seem to know what you do not know. But to glory in being ignorant is a sin and a shame to any reasoning being. Knowledge is the one precious treasure of all, and should be coveted and prized accordingly.

For The Eastern Star.

THANKFULNESS.

So glad am I He knows and sees all through
The wrong I did, the good I meant to do,
And o'er each fault his loving mercy throws,
I'm glad He knows.

So glad am I He knows the load I bear,
The trials that beset, the grief I share,
The sin I strive to shun, the temptations I oppose,
I'm glad He knows.

So glad am I that when my hard task falls
And others censure me, my Master calls
And in my heart again sweet patience grows,
I'm glad He knows.

—RUTH WARD KAHN.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER MEETING.

The General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, met in its seventh triennial session in the city of Columbus, Ohio.

It was called to order by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Nettie Ransford, Thursday, September 15, at 10:30 a. m.

The following officers, regular and pro tem., assisted in the opening: Benj. Lynds, Most Worthy Grand Patron; Mary C. Snedden, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron; James R. Donnell, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron; Lorraine J. Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary; Harriet A. Ercanbrack, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer; Robert T. King, Right Worthy Grand Chaplain; Ida J. Martin, as Worthy Grand Conductress; R. Emily Little, Worthy Grand Associate Conductress; Mary E. Partridge, Worthy Grand Adah; Edna L. Hedges, as Worthy Grand Ruth; Mary E. Martin, as Worthy Grand Esther; Lizzie Hadley, Worthy Grand Martha; Mary E. Wakefield, as Worthy Grand Electa; Victoria C. Little, Worthy Grand Warder; Sarah W. Burns, Worthy Grand Sentinel; Edwin C. Davis, as Worthy Grand Marshal; Carrie O. Getty, as Worthy Grand Organist.

There were members present from sixteen Grand Jurisdictions, and representatives from fifteen. Also, two subordinate chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter were represented: Ransford Chapter, Los Vegas, New Mexico, by Mattie Murray, Worthy Matron, and Miriam Chapter, Wheeling, West Virginia, by Joseph Hall, Worthy Patron.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron appointed the following standing committees:

Credentials—William Lawrence, Sister J. B. McClintock, Mary C. Mount.

Finance, Ways and Means—Mary C. Snedden, Eva M. Hollinger and A. H. Wright.

Unfinished Business—Joseph W. Hill, Maria Jackson, Clara McBride.

Jurisprudence—Sam L. C. Rhodes, Mary E. Partridge, Ida M. Beloate.

Appeals and Grievances—John G. Holland, Mary E. Martin, H. H. Hinds, Mary D. M. Quimby.

Charters—Edna L. Hedges, Joseph Hall, Mattie Murry.

The special committees were:

On Distribution of Addresses—William A. Lawrence, Carrie O. Getty, William H. Smythe.

Memorial—Jane M. Ricketts, S. H. Schmuck, Mary E. McFlure.

Signets, Books of Record, and Ole Books

Andrew P. Swanstrom, Mary E. Wakefield, Joseph Hall.

Place of Meeting—Sam L. C. Rhodes, R. Emily Little, Mary Sherwood Hines.

Preparing Signet—Jennie E. Mathews, Lorraine J. Pitkin, Nettie Ransford.

The address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron was read from which the following extract is taken:

Time has recorded three cycles since last we met, and so rapid has been the flight, that but for the necessary change of date at the beginning of each cycle, it might have been counted as one.

In its passage, however, it left its freightage of joy or sorrow; sunshine or shadow; and touched each individual life with some mark of its favor or of its storm.

Three years since we bade farewell, and each wished the other "God speed." We clasp hands and hail each other as sister and brother, members of one family, pledged to "perform no act of injustice or unkindness" each to the other, but contrawise "to aid, comfort and protect each other."

I greet you, and bid you welcome to this family re-union, and trust that the gleanings you bring are such as shall conduce to the best interests of the Order; that individual differences, prejudices and aspirations—if any there be—are subservient to that which shall promise to bring to the Order at large the greatest measure of harmony and prosperity.

When you placed in my hand the emblem of authority, with its added responsibility by the change of constitution, making the Most Worthy Grand Matron the chief executive during the vacation of the General Grand Chapter, I realized that the position was one not of honor alone, and its duties would require time, thought and wisdom. That the demands in either might be beyond my ability to meet, yet the office came to me unsought, and I assumed its obligations with the hope and in the trust, that "by the aid of my sisters and brothers, and the favor of God," I might not prove wholly unworthy of the confidence reposed in me. That wherein I failed, you would supplement when I brought for your binding my three years' gleanings; that you would separate the chaff from the wheat and allow nothing to be garnered for future use but such as should pass the inspection of the most careful husbandman.

I shall be most honored, when you shall have most carefully considered the various measures that come to you through my report of duties discharged, and having tested each by the principles of truth, honor and justice, shall approve or reverse, as shall seem to insure harmony and unity.

On the threshold of our duty, let us pause to offer thanks to the Author of all good for the many blessings that have been vouchsafed to us as individuals and as an Order, and to pay our tribute of love and sympathy with those who are resting under the shadow of bereavement.

At many a household has the unwelcome messenger called since last we met, and from our own ranks have fallen standard-bearers.

Without especial warning, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Rollin C. Gaskill, was called to his rest, and the following circular was sent to the members of the Order:

"GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,

ORDER EASTERN STAR.

"What comfort, when with clouds of woe

The heart is burdened and must weep.

To feel that pain must end—no know.

"He giveth His beloved sleep."

"Again is the General Grand Chapter be-

reaved by the call from earth's labors of Brother Rollin C. Gaskill.

"The summons is intensely saddened, because of its suddenness.

"After the close of the Triennial Conclave, held at Washington, D. C., in October last, Brother Gaskill paid a visit to his childhood's home in Vermont, and had turned his face homeward, when he was stricken with the severe illness which closed his earthly pilgrimage.

"He was a man of strong individuality and warm friendship, and zealous in a marked degree in whatever he engaged. He served as Worthy Patron of Oak Leaf Chapter No. 8, of Oakland, to which he belonged, and served two years as Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California. He also served the General Grand Chapter as Most Worthy Grand Patron from 1883 to 1886. The funeral occurred at Oakland, California, which city had for many years been his home.

"He is at rest, and to those who mourn we tender our heartfelt sympathy.

NETTIE RANSFORD,

M. W. Grand Matron.

BENJAMIN LYNDY,

M. W. Grand Patron.

LORRRAINE J. PITKIN,

R. W. Grand Secretary.

Chicago, December, 1889."

Only two months since, Brother Albert H. Kaiser, Past Grand Patron of Indiana, after months of patient waiting, was called home to rest. He was a member of this body when it met in Chicago in 1880, as Associate Grand Patron of Indiana, and also in San Francisco, in 1883, as Grand Patron of Indiana, and was an earnest, devoted member.

I recommend that memorial pages be placed in these proceedings as a tribute of our respect.

THANKS.

I desire especially to thank the Right Worthy Grand Secretary for favors received and courtesies extended, and also to congratulate her upon the efficient and successful administration of the affairs in her office.

In the matter of thanks, I know not where to begin, and I should weary you beyond endurance before I found a place to stop, were I to individualize my indebtedness for favors, courtesies and kindnesses received.

To one and all I tender my sincere and heartfelt thanks, and trust that to them may be returned of these gracious gifts, full measure and running over.

CONCLUSION.

I have not accomplished the work that I had hoped to when I accepted this trust at your hands, nor have I found the path without its cross-roads where one must needs pause to enquire—which is the way?

Whether or not I have at all times been able to discern the true path is an unsolved problem in my mind. This however, I do know—that I have tried to perform the duties of the office faithfully and conscientiously.

The continued prosperity of the Order assures you that it has not suffered, although placed in the hands of sisters, nor does its financial condition give cause for alarm—instead, while the expense attendant upon the publication of a ritual from new plates, and the free exchange, was great, it brings to you an excellent balance for the treasury.

The report of chapters and Grand Chapters organized, and the statistics regarding finance and membership, will come to you through the reports of the officers in charge.

In reviewing the history of this body, I find that I am the only sister who was present at its organization, and who has attended each meeting since.

The organization was effected in the hall

of Queen Esther Chapter, Indianapolis, of which I was then Worthy Matron, and the delegates were entertained by her members.

For the twenty past years, without intermission, I have been an active member of the Order, and have watched its growth with pride and thankfulness. It has passed its infancy and childhood, and yet needs careful training.

The record of my three years' stewardship is before you. I appreciate the confidence reposed in me by those who honored me by their preferment, and bespeak for my successor the measure of consideration that I have received.

In the duties that await us, let us surrender self, with all its unworthy aspirations, and legislate for that which shall live after us and call forth honorable mention.

The deputies appointed, dispensations granted, decisions rendered and By-Laws approved were confirmed by the General Grand Chapter.

Regarding the jurisdiction of Oklahoma Territory, which had been under discussion between the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Grand Officers of Indian Territory, it was decided that Oklahoma belonged to the Grand Chapter of Indian Territory.

During her term of office, the Most Worthy Grand Matron had, upon special invitations, visited twelve Grand Jurisdictions and many subordinate chapters. The several recommendations, as also the amendments offered, were adopted, and will be reported when the proceedings are printed.

The Most Worthy Grand Patron then read his address:

How swiftly the years that mark the periods of life go speeding on. It seems but yesterday, since out of love for our Order, and in response to the call from refreshment to labor of this Grand Body, we left the ties and comforts of home and the never-ceasing cares of daily life, to journey towards (what was to us our Masonic Jerusalem) the beautiful city of Indianapolis. And yet, since then, three years of successful achievements, or signal failures, have passed away.

In the good providence of God, and the ever-onward march of time, the constitutional period of the seventh State session of the General Grand Chapter has arrived. It is with unfeigned pleasure that I fraternally greet you, and all in attendance here to-day. These meetings of the General Grand Chapter have always been occasions not only of pleasure, but of profit, and have only been singular for their harmony. And as a result of this friendly intercourse, there exists a union of sympathies, and a strength of fraternal feeling among its members, which I hardly conceive to be exceeded elsewhere.

May Infinite Wisdom so guide us in this meeting, that unselfish loyalty to our Order may fully govern us in all our deliberations and counsels. Let gratitude swell from every heart to God, our Father, who has so tenderly cared for us, and so kindly watched over us during all the days in the years that have passed since our last meeting; and who in His kind Providence, without a broken link in the golden chain that binds the officers of this Grand Body, permits us this morning to assemble around our holy altar to offer the incense of grateful hearts to Him, who hath called us to follow the Star in the East, till we shall see Him as He is.

The General Grand Chapter has wisely ordered that its executive officers shall make a report of their stewardship, at the close of their term of office. In cheerful obedience

to this constitutional requirement, I have the honor to herewith submit for your consideration, a report of my official acts during my term of office. The important interests of the Order, pertaining to the office of Most Worthy Grand Patron, have received my earnest and constant attention, and if I have failed, in any part of my work, to fulfill the expectations of the kind friends, who by their generous suffrages elected me to this honorable station, it must be charged not to my want of appreciation of the high honor conferred, and earnest desire to do my best to promote highest interests of the Order, but to my want of power and ability.

He reported the appointment of fifty-three deputies for the organization of chapters, and the organization of fifty-seven subordinate chapters.

"Fifty-four chapters" under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, with a membership of 2,800, have been released to organize Grand Chapters in Oregon, Montana, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, Colorado and Maine.

At the time of the organization of the General Grand Chapter, fears were expressed that it would be an expensive body to support; subsequent experience has shown that these fears were not well-founded, as since its organization its revenues have been more than sufficient to meet its necessary expenses, without levying the tax on the Grand Chapters allowed by the constitution, and if its surplus fund continues to increase, the General Grand Chapter will be well able to make contributions toward the support of the Grand Chapters. The financial condition of the General Grand Chapter was never in so good a condition as at the present time. At our last meeting we had cash on hand, \$3,828.36; cash on hand August 15, 1892, \$5,455.17. This large increase of cash on hand is all the more gratifying, as the large and unusual expense incurred by the printing and distributing about 8,000 rituals, free of cost, to the grand and subordinate chapters, has been paid out of the funds of the General Grand Chapter during this administration.

I have aimed to give a brief summary of the condition and work accomplished by the General Grand Chapter during this administration; also the growth and condition of the Order at large. But for full and exact information on all these matters, I beg leave to refer you to the full and exhaustive report of our Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Our Most Worthy Grand Matron will inform you in reference to all questions coming to her notice, and particularly to those over which the constitution gives her jurisdiction.

COLUMBUS.

Sisters and brothers of Columbus: It affords me great pleasure to meet you in your home city this pleasant morning. I sincerely thank you for the fraternal and cordial reception you have given the officers and members of the General Grand Chapter. This is my first visit to your city. I assure you I am much pleased with what I have seen of it; your schools and your churches tell the visitor of moral and intellectual culture; your homes and surroundings have an heir of comfort which charms, and makes the visitor feel that it is a good place to be. Our Order, being founded upon a liberal basis, unites men and women who are comparatively strangers, often estranged from each other by the force of education and prejudice, in bonds of fraternal sympathy and love; it allows us to feel as the little girl did, who, having formed what was to her a pleasant acquaintance with another little girl, was enthusiastic in her praises when relating the circumstance to her mother; and on being asked by her mother

who introduced them, exclaimed in a surprised tone of voice, "why, mamma, we did not need to be introduced, I smiled, and she smiled, and then we were acquainted." Our Order encourages making each other's acquaintance in this way; and I sincerely hope that all here in attendance upon this session of the General Grand Chapter will get well acquainted, whether they have been formally introduced to each other or not.

In the Minnesota matter the act of withdrawal of recognition was approved, and recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter that obeyed its instructions.

The report of the Grand Secretary showed thirty-four subordinate chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, fifty-four having been released for the formation of Grand Chapters. The total membership is 64,032. The total receipts during the term was \$13,763.19; total expenditures, \$8,307.08, and balance on hand, \$5,455.21.

Two cents per mile each way was paid to the Grand Officers, members of standing committees, Organist and Sister Simpson, who assisted the Right Worthy Grand Secretary. Several allowances were made, among which was six hundred dollars to the Most Worthy Grand Matron. Thanks were tendered the retiring officers, members in Ohio, and Robert T. King for his assistance in preparation for the meeting. Also the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this General Grand Chapter be tendered to our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Nettie Ransford, for the very able and impartial manner in which she has presided over the session of this Grand Body, and we shall ever remember with pleasure the record she has made, and pray that in all her walks of life, prosperity may attend her labors.

The pleasure of the meeting was very greatly brightened by the music, the Grand Matron of Kansas, Carrie O. Getty, serving as organist, and several members from Minnesota assisting as an impromptu choir. They received, as they deserved, the thanks of all.

Following the installation, the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Right Worthy Grand Secretary, were surprised and gladdened by remembrance from their associate officers of gifts—gold-lined bon bon dishes with souvenir spoons. These evidences of regard are greatly appreciated.

The following officers were installed by the retiring Most Worthy Grand Matron, Nettie Ransford, assisted by Past Grand Patron, Andrew P. Swanstrom, as Grand Marshal:

Mary C. Snedden, Most Worthy Grand Matron, St. Louis, Missouri.

James R. Donnell, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Conway, Arkansas.

Mary C. Partridge, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Oakland, California.

H. H. Hines, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Stanton, Michigan.

Lorraine J. Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Chicago, Illinois.

Harriet A. Ercanbrack, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, Anamosa, Iowa.

Edna L. Hedges, Very Worthy Grand Chaplain, Helena, Montana.

R. Emily Little, Worthy Grand Conductress, Charlestown, Massachusetts.

Mary C. Martin, Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Sister J. B. McClintock, Worthy Grand Adah, Garrettsville, Ohio.

Mary E. Wakefield, Worthy Grand Ruth, Kansas City, Missouri.

Eva M. Hollinger, Worthy Grand Esther, Terre Haute, Indiana.

Mary E. McClure, Worthy Grand Martha, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Territory.

Louise E. Jacoby, Worthy Grand Electa, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mattie Murray, Worthy Grand Warder, Los Vegas, New Mexico.

Brother Mount, Worthy Grand Sentinel, Omaha, Nebraska.

Joseph Hall, Worthy Grand Marshal, Wheeling, West Virginia.

The next session will be held in the city of Boston, on the same week of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar.

For The Eastern Star.

PICKED UP BY THE WAYSIDE.

'Tis a bit comforting to know, as we grow older, the opinion that no woman is worth talking to before twenty; few before thirty; and that most women are better able to do their share in the more agreeable side of social converse, after forty, than before.

Most of us have felt the pride attendant on having been, at one time or another, elected an officer in some one of the various institutions that our church, social, or public life has given rise to. This assortment of non-political office-holding has been fully termed the "Great American Safety Valve"—a consolation to the members who in early youth, are told that they may yet be the President. Not only are these offices enough to go round, but the really capable and pushing American is generally honored with a score.

Does it ever occur to us that we slight certain portions of our body—perhaps show a decided favoritism? The foot is the hardest worked member of our body, we are told, and yet as a rule, it receives the least of our thought or care. The following plea in its behalf is worth a passing thought. Let the hand be injured, be the injury ever so slight, remedies are at once adopted that will effect a cure, and the injured member is relieved from work that the cure may be the more speedy. No sensible person thinks of performing labor with a hand on which a felon is forming at one of the joints. But no one thinks of giving the foot a rest the moment he or she discovers a bunion forming at the great toe joint. Yet a bunion is to the foot, what a felon is to the hand, and why not give both members the same judicious treatment?

"Court Life of the Eighteenth Century," was discussed in a recent article, and the following summing was given as to our stand-

ing in comparison. We hear much in the present day of the decadence of manners, and of the striking superiority in that respect of the great ladies and fine gentlemen of four or five generations back. There can be no doubt, that they were more ceremonious, but there are no traces in social records of that refined tone and high breeding which we are apt to ascribe to our ancestors. On the contrary, their stilted language, their bows and courtesies seem to have been only the means employed to cover a mass of much coarseness and no little vice. It is never very safe to compare the morals of one age with those of another; but modern society, if not 'better,' may certainly claim to be more 'decent' than that of a century ago.

The dearth of servants seems to be general, even extending into France where the necessity has called forth the genius of one of their naturalists, in Victor Meunier. He proposes to employ the anthropoid ape in that capacity. He quotes several cases of the successful utilization of their services in household work, one of them being his seeing thimpaneer, waiting at table at the house of a Conda planter, who assured his guest that the sagacious creature did the work of four ordinary negro servants. Antonio, as he was called, wore a regular livery, and went about his business with a napkin tucked under his arm in as methodical a manner as the best trained Parisian waiter. One serious fault he had, from which, however, servants ranking above him in the order of creation are not wholly free. He could not be trusted to hand around sweet dishes of any description. In spite of all teaching and innumerable corrections, the temptation to put his tongue into them whenever he had a chance always proved too much for him, and no matter how sharply he was watched, he usually contrived to stuff his pockets with the fruits and nuts served at the desert.

LILLIAN.

ORGANIZATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF MAINE.

[The Rockland Tribune.]

A Convention of the Order of the Eastern Star was held in this place Wednesday, August 24, it being composed of delegates from the different chapters of the State. The purpose of the Convention was to form a Grand Chapter of the Order for Maine.

The Convention was called to order by Mrs. Jennie M. Stewart of Golden Rod Chapter. A. H. Burroughs, of Mizpah Chapter, was chosen Chairman, and C. E. Meserve, of Golden Rod Chapter, Secretary.

The Committee on Credentials reported seven chapters represented as follows:

Adah Chapter No. 1, Biddeford, Mrs. Annette H. Hooper, Mrs. Amelia Anthoine, Miss H. Fannie Roberts.

Mizpah Chapter No. 3, Westbrook, (West end,) Albert H. Burroughs, Mrs. Anna Phinney.

Beulah Chapter No. 5, Westbrook, (East end,) Kimball Eastman, Mrs. Annie L. Cobb, Mrs. Ella M. Sweet.

Pleiades Chapter No. 7, Patten, Mrs. Justine B. Scott.

Golden Rod Chapter No. 8, Rockland, Mrs. Jennie M. Stewart, Mrs. E. A. Jones, C. E. Meserve.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 10, Hallowell, James J. Jones.

Pioneer Chapter No. 11, Lisbon Falls, S. A. Parker, Mrs. K. M. Small, Mrs. Lilla M. Duston.

A resolution was adopted calling for the organization of a Grand Chapter of the O. E. S., for the State of Maine. A committee to draft a constitution was chosen, who reported one to the Convention, and it was adopted. Officers were elected and appointed as follows:

Miss Ella M. Day, Rockland, Grand Matron.

Albert H. Burroughs, Westbrook, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Annie L. Cobb, Westbrook, Grand Associate Matron.

Charles A. Sylvester, Rockland, Grand Associate Patron.

Mrs. Annette H. Hooper, Biddeford, Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Lilla M. Duston, Lisbon Falls, Grand Treasurer.

Mrs. Jennie M. Stewart, Rockland, Grand Conductress.

Mrs. Amelia Anthoine, Biddeford, Grand Associate Conductress.

Mrs. Ella M. Sweet, Westbrook, Grand Chaplain.

Edith E. Harrington, Hallowell, Grand Marshal.

Miss H. Fannie Roberts, Biddeford, Grand Adah.

Mrs. Kimball Eastman, Westbrook, Grand Ruth.

Mrs. Justine B. Scott, Patten, Grand Esther.

Mrs. K. M. Small, Lisbon Falls, Grand Martha.

Mrs. Davis, Denmark, Grand Electa.

Mrs. Laura A. Hawes, Hallowell, Grand Warder.

Mrs. E. A. Jones, Rockland, Grand Organist.

Mrs. S. A. Parker, Lisbon Falls, Grand Sentinel.

The officers were duly installed by A. H. Burroughs, D. G. Patron, assisted by Mrs. Anna Phinney, as Grand Marshal, Mrs. E. A. Jones officiating at the piano. The necessary steps were taken to put the new Grand Body in suitable working order, and then the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star for the State of Maine, closed its first session.

The next annual meeting of the Grand Chapter will be held at Westbrook on the second Thursday of September, 1893.

There were three sessions of the Convention and one of the Grand Chapter. After the Grand Chapter was closed, Golden Rod Chapter, at the earnest request of the visitors, opened a chapter and exemplified the work. The visitors were handsomely entertained. There are eleven chapters in the State with about 1,000 members.

THE WISHINESS OF WASHINESS.

[Wives and Daughters.]

A new sort of woman has been unearthed by Mr. Bok, of the Ladies Home Journal, and he occupies nearly a page of the last issue in describing her and telling her why she ought not to exist. "They," he says, "are donning masculinity, not only in their garments, but in their ideas; they want to vote; they are beginning to believe more in certain fanciful 'rights' than in their children; they are acquiring mental knowledge at the expense of heart affection." Where is the proof of these remarkable statements? Ordinary observation shows that the fashion of wearing vests, cravats and mannish-looking shirts is as common among weak-minded as among strong-minded women. As for donning masculine ideas, that would be as difficult a performance as swimming in a masculine lake, building a masculine house, or eating a masculine pie. Ideas are sexless and free to everybody. They are also capable of being assimilated in large quantities by the human mind, whether that mind happens to be encased in a male or female body.

Knowledge is not acquired at the expense of heart affection—it is acquired in most instances at the expense of pocket money. It would be an insult to college-bred men to affirm that their love of families and homes was less ardent than the love which laboring men and artisans give to their wives and children. Nobody asserts that men are acquiring mental knowledge at the expense of heart affection." Yet the rule should work equally well in both cases.

The entire article appears to be based upon the apprehension that if woman takes one single step in the direction of progress, that step will land her outside of the sacred sphere of home, the front door of which she will slam with a viciousness that will make every peace-loving husband shake in his shoes. And this in face of the multitudinous facts which prove that the best home-makers in the country are the so-called "advanced women." Such a woman applies to domestic difficulties the same intelligent attention and cultivated reasoning power that she formerly brought to bear upon her studies. She is not a door-mat in her own home, nor is she a family donkey. Least of all is she a doll. But by every degree in which her own mental life has been broadened and bettered, is the life of her family broadened and bettered? "When you educate a man," says the sage, "you educate an individual; when you educate a woman, you educate an entire family." Genuine womanliness is not of so frail a texture that it is going to be destroyed by a cultivated mind, or a self-supporting life, or an abundance of ideas, or any other creature.

It is always interesting to observe a man laboriously stoop and carefully chalk out a circle large enough in his opinion to include more than half the human race, and then say, "There, now, all you ladies just step inside of that, and don't let me hear another

chirp out of any of you!" But the trouble with Mr. Bok's circle is that it is too small for even a single self-respecting woman. "The average man," he says, "would much rather that his wife nestle close to him, and ask him to advise her, than that she should strut around his house in an aggressive manner, and lay down the law to his children and his servants." His house, you observe, his children, his servants. What belongs to the wife? Nothing apparently, except the proud consciousness that she is standing inside of that dear little chalk circle. This is the sort of sentiment that we cannot choose but call the wishiness of washiness. But we have heard it designated as the boshiness of Bokkyn-ss.

A PIECE OF GOOD ADVICE.

[Ladies' Home Journal.]

A piece of practical advice which girl students always, perhaps, from home care, for the first time, will do well to heed, is the counsel to be prudent and regular as to meals and exercise, writes Maud Haywood in her department "Art for Art Workers" in the October Ladies' Home Journal. Much has been written from time to time about the importance of having a proper mid-day repast, and the folly of women who habitually perform a long day's work on insufficient nourishment, and it is to be hoped that few are unwise enough to deliberately risk the undermining of their constitution by disregarding medical advice and authority on this point. The other requisite to good health, namely, adequate exercise and recreation, is no less important. The close application and the mental exertion entailed in art work demands daily relaxation and, if possible, out-door sports, or at least plenty of walking, but preferably with some object in view and with a companion, for a solitary constitutional is with most of us a poor antidote to nervous fatigue. Some kind of recreation which takes the thoughts entirely away from one's work, giving change of occupation to the mind as well as to the body, is recommended by all doctors in giving advice for a healthy rule of life.

THE WASHINGTON BIBLE WILL GO.

[Masonic Journal.]

St. John's Lodge, No. 1, the oldest Lodge in the State of New York, held a special communication on Thursday last for the purpose of considering the feasibility of attending the dedicatory services at the Masonic Home in Utica. W. Bro. Samuel A. Suydam, the master, presided, and there was a good attendance of the members. The subject of the dedication was taken, and after some consideration the Lodge voted that St. John's should be represented at Utica in a body, the members who intend participating giving their names to the proper Committee. It was also decided that the Bible on which Bro. George Washington took the oath of office as First President of the United States, and which has

been in the possession of St. John's Lodge as a precious relic ever since, should be taken to Utica on that occasion, there to be borne in the parade on a miniature altar by a Committee of Past Masters, consisting of W. Bros. A. J. Agate, H. J. Arne, A. R. Corbet and J. B. Rose. A committee of six members, consisting of the above four Past Masters, W. Bro. Suydam, the Master, and the Senior Warden, was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the trip; also to attend and arrange the details for the comfort of those members who are to take part in the excursion and the exercises connected with the dedication of the Masonic Home.

GRAND CHAPTER OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1892.

The Grand Chapter met in its second annual session in Masonic Hall, Rochester, September 14, at 1.30 p. m. It was called to order by Mary D. M. Quimby, Grand Matron, assisted by Frank Spooner Grand Patron and associate officers.

All the Grand officers but three were present and there was a large attendance of members and visitors.

The Grand Matron's address was excellent, and we wish space permitted its reproduction here. She organized two chapters and assisted in the organization of a third. Also prepared a form for the opening and closing of Grand Chapter and for the constitution of subordinate chapters.

The work was exemplified by James Farington Chapter in a beautiful manner and the meeting was very pleasant and successful.

Mary J. Horne, Grand Matron, Derry Depot.

James J. Conner, Grand Patron, Goffstown.
J. Sullivan Chase, Grand Secretary, Colebrook.

TRAIN THE CHILDREN.

[Mrs. S. G. Wood in Our Dumb Animals.]

I do not believe that children are born with cruel instincts, but day by day their little hearts are moulded by their environments either for good or for evil, and so with us rests the responsibility of developing what is pure and noble. If we are anxious that the next generation shall extend towards God's dumb animals that love and kindness which is their due, then we must work with hearty zeal among the little ones around us, and in no way can we do this more effectually than by Bands of Mercy. It has proved a more valuable aid in the heart-culture of children. Those interested in this branch of the education of the young invariably assert that when once their hearts are softened, and their sympathies enlisted in the good cause of mercy, their influence for good is being much felt among their companions. We find in every case children are always ready to receive good influence, but alas! where are those to be found who should come forward and help in this work? When we once have grasped the truth that all created life is given of God, we must do all in our power to help and protect from harm that life, and to cherish and care for that portion of God's creation who so patiently suffer all injury and wrong.

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Anamosa, Iowa.The Grand Chapter of California, will meet
at Oakland, October 17.The Grand Chapter of Texas will meet at
Gainsville, the second Tuesday of October.The Grand Chapter of Missouri will meet
in its eighteenth annual session, at Harrison-
ville, October 4 and 5.The Grand Chapter of Connecticut will hold
its nineteenth annual meeting, with Magnolia
Chapter, West Winsted, October 12.The third annual meeting of the Grand
Chapter of Ohio, will be held at Marysville the
second Wednesday and Thursday of October.The report of the meeting of the Grand
Chapter of New Hampshire comes just as we
are making up the last page of the paper, and
we have only space for a brief mention.Will the subscribers please notify us
promptly when the paper fails to reach them,
that we may ascertain the cause of its failure
to do so, and supply the missing number.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the

Grand Chapter of Michigan, will be held
with Queen Esther Chapter, Ionia, October
12 and 13. All delegates are guests of Queen
Esther Chapter.Sisters Mary E. Partridge, of California,
and R. Emily Little, of Massachusetts, were
guests of Nettie Ransford for a few days, stop-
ping on their way to attend the meeting of
the General Grand Chapter.Among the contents of the casket deposit-
ed in the corner-stone of the court house of
Taylor County, Iowa, was a copy of THE EAST-
ERN STAR. Those who were so thoughtful as
to remember us thus kindly will please ac-
cept thanks.The Grand Matron of Michigan, Mary D.
Stone, has moved from the jurisdiction and
taken up her residence in West Superior,
Wisconsin. She will receive from the mem-
bers a warm welcome, while her own will
greatly miss her."The Signet," a new claimant for Eastern Star
favor comes to our desk. It is published in
Monticello, Illinois by Sister Inez Jameson
Bender. THE EASTERN STAR extends the right
hand of fellowship, and wishes a pleasant and
profitable journey on the journalistic sea.Invitations were received to the several
Grand Chapter meetings which occur this
month, and we sincerely wish we could at-
tend every one. This being impossible, we
send best wishes for happy reunions and
profitable deliberations, with thanks, and an
earnest God speed to all.All will regret that brother Robert Van
Valzah, Past Grand Patron, is still confined
to his home from illness. Brother Van Val-
zah has been an active and zealous member
of the Order since his connection with it at
the organization of Terre Haute Chapter, and
the earnest, prayerful wish is for his speedy
and complete recovery.The question is asked why from some juris-
dictions there is a scarcity of news. It is be-
cause no news is sent us. We wish the sis-
ters would kindly furnish items from their
chapters, that each jurisdiction might be each
month represented in the gleanings. With
the beginning of active work, let the sisters
heed the oft repeated invitation and send us
news, for which we will gladly reciprocate.Ruth Chapter, Washington, D. C., held a
special meeting Sep. 19. A number of visitors
were present from Alpha Chapter, Baltimore,
and also sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W.
Grand Secretary. Sister Nettie Ransford, P.
M. Worthy Grand Matron was expected but
the train reached the city eleven hours late,
preventing attendance greatly to her regret.
This new Ruth promises to be an earnest,
efficient gleaner.My sisters, a paper is not published with-
out the expenditure of time, brains and
money. I am sure that not one whose name
is enrolled on the subscription list of THE
EASTERN STAR desires to be other than just,
nor would they willingly allow a sister to be
in the least hampered by their neglect. The
trouble is in thoughtlessness, not wilful neg-
lect, but sisters mine, the result is the same
to the one at the other end of the line. Con-
sider this and correct the evil.In another column will be found an ac-
count of an especially pleasant meeting re-
cently held by Terre Haute Chapter. We
were bidden to the feast by the Worthy Ma-
tron, Sister Lawrence, and accompanying the
invitation was a pass, but the meeting at Col-
umbus prevented attendance, greatly to my
regret. Ever since the organization of the
chapter the pleasant intercourse has been
uninterrupted, and I am many, many times,
indebted for pleasant courtesies and loving
kindness.Be it known to the readers of THE EASTERN
STAR and whomsoever else it may concern,
that I am now prepared to furnish chapter
blanks, print By-Laws, cards and anything
necessary for chapter use, as also to furnish
all chapter supplies of whatever nature. I
trust that my sisters of the Order will favor
me with a share of their patronage and I as-
sure them that I will endeavor to fill all orders
with promptness and satisfaction. It is a sis-
ters effort, and should receive the recognition
and patronage of the sisterhood.

NETTIE RANSFORD.

The meeting of the Grand Chapter of New
Hampshire came so near the time of meeting
for the General Grand Chapter that it could
not be represented. The members and vis-
itors were delightfully entertained by James
Farrington Chapter, of Rochester, whose num-
bers paid the visitors every attention, in the
evening exemplified the work in a very fine
manner and later served a delicious banquet.
Five chapters were chartered, Mary J. Horne,
of Ransford Chapter, Derry Depot, is Grand
Matron and her chapter feels justly proud as
it is an honor fully merited and justly be-
stowed.For the chapters that indulged in vacations,
the time has come for re-assembling, and for
all it is the season to put on new life. Let it
be your aim to be regular in your attendance
and when there, do not wait for some one to
come to you, but meet them half way at least.
If there be strangers among you, forget not
to give them a welcome, not simply a cool
greeting and then pass by, to gather in a group
with those of your own members and enjoy
the companionship, leaving the strangers to
sit alone, but such a welcome as shall make
them feel that your words are things of life,
that you really are glad of their presence. If
you are requested to serve in a station because

of the absence of its regular occupant, do so cheerfully, and do not oblige the Worthy Matron to ask another and another, before finding one willing to serve. There is a series of helps which will readily suggest themselves to one who is anxious for the success and happiness of the chapter. There is a series of hindrances which can be avoided if only the members will be mutually willing to do "unto others as you would that others should do unto you."

Our esteemed exchange, "The Trestle Board," in an article of some length, advocates the abolishment of the ballot-box in the Order of the Eastern Star. It claims the Order as "an essential adjunct to the Masonic Fraternity," but that to its membership should be added all applicants who are entitled by virtue of Masonic relationship, without objection or ballot. And further, that there is danger of the ballot being used unjustly—in the spirit of spite. This danger exists in all organizations, for the human nature of the individual will exemplify itself wherever it may be. In no greater degree does it exist in this than other orders. In the days of which the writer speaks, when the degrees were given generously, and generally there were no regularly organized chapters, no ceremonial of initiation. It is a well established fact that that which costs nothing of labor or money is counted valueless, and this was no exception to the rule. Now it has acquired a place among the organizations of the land. To its work and advancement has been given the free will offering of both sexes, and its life is no longer considered questionable. Upon its roll of membership, and in the ranks of its active workers, may be found many prominent Masons, and they seek not its light because of the benefit that shall accrue to them thereby, but having for years enjoyed the strength and help derived from this bond of comradeship, they gladly lend their aid that those dear to them may also be similarly benefitted. While some harm may come from the use of the ballot, far greater harm would come were its use discarded. Every organization worthy of place, is unquestionably entitled to decide for itself the quality of its members.

OUR TRIP TO DENVER.

[CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE.]

I said a hurried good-night a month since, under the shadow of the grand old Rockies, and now will gather the family together that they may go with me to that gem of resorts Manitau—the description of which would take one far more gifted in the use of language.

Nature has set the whole face of the universe with exquisite gems of varied styles of setting, each being unrivaled in its own peculiar beauty. The electric car carries us from Colorado Springs, through Colorado City and into Manitau, where may be found rep-

resentatives of every locality of our broad land—seekers of health and pleasure. To the former, from her pure air and health giving springs she gives of her best, and the latter is made happy by the gay throng that is constantly coming and going, the sweet music that charms into forgetfulness of the inharmonies that exist, and the grandly beautiful scene upon which the eye continually feasts.

Above all, Pikes Peak lifts its bald head and invites all to come up hither. The burro ride up the trail is supplanted by the carriage by way of Cascade, or the dwarf engine which follows the track, pushing ahead a car of its own size, reminding one of Tom Thumb and his wife. Never since it made its journey up and down the mountains, was this little steel horse so taxed. For days together there was a constant stream of people waiting their turn for a place in the car. Having been taught that the early bird caught the worm, we took the first car over from Colorado Springs without breaking our fast. But there were others also, who were seeking first chance, and already a line was formed from the window of the ticket office up the stairs and out into the street. Finding no side tracks, nor way station on this route, we dropped into line to wait our turn to interview that august personage from whom was obtained the passports. We took turns in holding the fort while the others sought a lunch-stand, and we accepted with thanks the good things left in Sister Comstock's lunch-basket.

The novelty wore off much more rapidly than did the hours, and high noon found us still waiting, with the announcement that four Commanderies had chartered trains, and if they came; our waiting like much of this world's waiting for promised joys, was in vain. Some two hours past noon the Marionville Commandery of Missouri appeared, and by perseverance we gained permission to be ticketed with them. Up the cog road we were pushed, and the little engine seemed almost human in its efforts to round some curve, or climb the steep sides of the Rockies. The grandeur of the scene grew upon us and more than ever we realized the power of the Mighty Hand that fashioned this mountain fastness, and the helplessness of the creature without the overshadowing love and care of the Creator.

Here is the half-way house, and one cannot but wish to stop awhile and rest ye here. Nestled in a nook away from all that speaks of strife and its endless belongings, one must needs gather new strength and courage for life's conflict, but to many there is no pause in the busy march, no time to lay aside the armor, until He gathers the family for the eternal thanksgiving.

At last the summit is reached, and the few minutes that are allowed us is filled to its utmost, and still we long for more. Acres and acres of rocks, with the sweetest, finest blossoms peeping out between. The clouds are rolling below us, and the towns that we left in the morning, such bustling things of

life, seem like a penciled picture, nothing more.

All too soon the "All Aboard" is sounded, and we bid farewell to this grand scene to lower walks in life.

Old Sol is hiding himself behind the hills, and with indescribable interest we watch his face as here and there he lends his sunny smile, until at last he bows his good-night, and smiles a good-morning on the other side.

The darkness deepens, and we slowly crawl down the steep incline. Just below the half-way house the engine slips a cog—one—two—three—and we realize that something is wrong, but the brakes are put on by strong hands, and we are informed that the disabled engine cannot resume its journey until it is strengthened.

It is not a particularly pleasant sensation to find one's self unloaded on the mountain side, the darkness intensified by the surrounding mountains, and not even a moon to lend its light. Three miles yet to go, and the only transportation that offered itself, was a walk down the cog road. As there was no choice, there was no discussion as to the preferred way, and the change was effected without especial murmuring, instead there was thankfulness that it was no worse. All the way, both going and coming, we were met by pedestrians, and several times the wish escaped me that I had the time to make the trip on foot, but the three miles proved more than I desired when the opportunity was given me, and but for the loan of the arm of one of our Sir Knights whose wife kindly yielded her claim in my behalf, I should have been unable to keep the path.

"Weary wanderers" indeed we were, and glad to find refreshment and rest.

A day in Denver as the guest of brother H. A. Baker and his daughter completed our stay in Colorado, and we turned our faces homeward. After a pleasant journey we reached the Hoosier Capital which possessed an attraction for us that outrivaled all else. It was our home.

Many incidents occurred which added to the pleasure, and showed the spirit of kindness and hospitality that everywhere abounds, making us one people.

As we were trying to reach the cable enroute for Colorado Springs, telescope in hand, a stronger hand was extended and a voice said, "let me assist you." Beside us were two miners and each took a telescope, and when on reaching the cable and finding it out of order, we were forced to walk to the depot, they accompanied us to the car. Their names are unknown, but the act is recorded to their credit, and although they were not uniformed in the regulation garb of a Sir Knight, they were entitled to the name for the chivalrous act.

I wish it were possible to recount the many similar instances, but time and space forbids, and I must leave this and talk with you on other subjects.

N. R.

GLEANINGS.

CALIFORNIA.

Ungava Chapter, Riverside, is going on in its usual quiet and happy way. Our members are coming home from their summer outings, and it seems good to welcome the faces again at the chapter-room. On August 18, a few of our sisters and brothers from Ungava, including myself, had the pleasure of visiting Southern Star Chapter. This chanced to be the night they celebrate as "Children's Night," the children of the chapter giving the entertainment for the evening. This custom was instituted by P. M. Matfield, and she has imparted so much of her zeal and enthusiasm to the children, that "Children's Night" can not fail to be a grand success. L. E. A.

CONNECTICUT.

The first public chapter of sorrow ever given by Meridian Chapter, Meriden, was successfully given Thursday evening, Sept. 15. There was a large gathering of the members and friends from the two Masonic lodges.

The work was for eleven members, who have died within the past two years. The decorations were elegant. The altar was draped in black, with white bows of ribbon and flowers on each corner, and smilax festooned around it. The shrine for the star was draped with white, with black ribbon, white flowers and smilax. On the platform were two easels draped, one holding the signet, the other a large floral star that was lettered O. E. S. On the right of the door was a pedestal with its broken column. On the top was placed a wreath of flowers from which hung a golden chain of eleven links. At the base was placed a floral star, also a bouquet of white flowers. On the treasurer's and secretary's desk were placed pillows, the one bearing the sympathetic words "Our Sisters" the other "Our Brothers." From the chandelier over the altar, and also the chandeliers in the east and west, hung baskets of beautiful white flowers. Baskets of flowers and bouquet were also placed on stands. The stands on the points were decorated with scarfs and bouquets of their respective color. Ferns were used in profusion. The decorating and designing were under the direction of Mrs. Lydia Coe, assisted by the W. M. Mrs. Mary C. Potter. The desk and chair of the deceased treasurer were draped in mourning. All the officers wore black dresses, white gloves and corsage bouquets of white pinks and smilax. Mrs. W. M. Westwood and Mrs. William Power acted as ushers. The chapter opened with the "Dead March in Saul" and was followed by the chapter singing. After the ritual the quartette, Messrs. French, Wilkinson, Stroth and Breckenridge sang, "Now Our Hearts in Sorrow Blending," very feelingly. Mrs. H. T. Smith, the secretary, followed with a memorial scroll on the good qualities of those who had broken from the chain during the past two years. Mrs. Clara Westwood followed by singing very sweetly,

"We Shall Meet by the Beautiful Gate." Mrs. Lydia Coe then executed "A Tribute to the Dead." After the quartette had sung "Rock of Ages" Rev. Dr. W. L. Perkins followed with a touching eulogy of the members who had passed away, but were not forgotten. The quartette sang, "There is Rest in Heaven," and Mrs. Stevenson recited "There is no Death." David French sang, "Under the Daises" and the quartette followed with, "O, Where Are the Loved Ones?" The exercises closed by the quartette rendering, "The weary Labyrinth of Life." All the officers went through the ceremonial work in fine style reflecting much credit upon our chapter. It was a great success. The music was under the direction of S. S. Bidwell.

Two petition were read before the chapter of Sorrow opened. L. C.

IDAHO.

Mizpah Chapter, Idaho City, is prosperous. It has thirty members, and several live out of town, some as far as thirty miles. The meetings are held once a month and are very pleasant.

INDIANA.

After a few weeks' rest, Ruth Chapter, Peru, has resumed work.

Queen Esther Chapter indulged in a dancing party September 9. Masonic Hall has been refitted, and the chapter was given the opening night. Socially, it was a success, but financially a failure.

Queen Esther Auxiliary held its September meetings with Sister Ingersoll, W. M., who has just moved into a new home, and Sister Louthan, Treas. Both meetings were well attended and very pleasant.

All is well with Lake Michigan Chapter, and the atmosphere which pervades it is as pure and invigorating as that which comes from the older Lake Michigan which suggested its name. Sister Xanders, who has recently come among us, increases the brilliancy of our local star, for, while she retains her membership at Bluffton we receive the benefit of her living presence and enthusiasm. The evening of September 26, seemed an auspicious time to pay a visit to the home of our W. M. Sister Grace Ravell. Their vineyard has yielded abundantly this season and we needed no more formal invitation. They evidently suspected that we did not come from purely fraternal motives and tried the cholera scare, but we were more afraid of famine than the pestilence, the scare-crow didn't scare and the grapes suffered more than we. Our membership roll has not increased in the same ratio that it did last year, but a steady growth is noticeable in the understanding and practice of the work. Sickness and death have been the portion of the chapter since its organization, and while these have necessarily impeded its progress, they have afforded ample opportunity to exemplify the principles of the order, which the chapter is ever on the alert to improve. H. C. W.

IOWA.

September 9, Eddyville Chapter, Eddyville, held a special meeting for initiation, followed by refreshments and a social time. The chapter now has a membership of fifty-four with two petitions pending. Our W. M. attended Grand Chapter and received the office of Grand Martha.

Orient Chapter, Manchester, observed the festal day of the Order, by each member with their families assembling in the Masonic Temple, August 31, and listening to a program composed of recitations and singing of some of Rob Morris' poems and hymns. Among others "Gallilee" was very sweetly sung by the daughter of our W. P., together with her husband and a daughter and son of one of our members. Our W. M. gave a very interesting history of Orient Chapter from the first organization to the present, and closed by a witty play upon the names of the present officers, which caused a smile almost audible to pass around the chapter-room. Our Secretary then gave a sketch of Rob Morris, from his birth to the time of his death, setting forth his many virtues of his lovely Christian character. One of our literary members read a fine eulogy on Bro. Morris which, with the singing, closed the literary part of the evening's entertainment. The doors of the dining-hall were then thrown open and all were invited to enter and feast upon ice cream cake and fruit, and thus ended our first attempt to observe the festal day, which ought to be celebrated by every chapter, and I think Orient will not let another thirty-first of August pass without celebrating in some manner, the birth of the founder of the Order of the Eastern Star.

September 16 Signet Chapter, Carroll, tendered a reception and banquet to Bro. F. M. Howard, P. G. P., upon his visit to our city on his way home from Grand Chapter. Bro. Howard was our first Patron and only one for seven years, when circumstances took him from our town. The matter was a complete surprise to Bro. Howard, and none the less pleasant because the quick call of twenty-four hours for a special and big supper was responded to by nearly every member of the Order then present in town—gentlemen predominating for a wonder. We considered that astonishing and complimentary indeed, and were thankful for their kindly presence, thus proving that we had done the right thing in calling a special. A more harmonious and pleasant meeting never convened in our chapter, and the absence of our W. P. in Europe, and W. M. in the South-west part of the State, were our most serious drawbacks. However, we did what we could, and the pleasant memories of that evening will be among our dearest ones. To Sister Whitman's solicitation is due our good supper, but to the generous response of our sisters in a greater measure. Bro. Howard's remarks contained lessons we will not soon forget, and altogether it forms one of the brightest links in our dear golden chain. May it long be

unbroken. Sister M. Miller, W. M.; Sister F. Amos, A. M.; Henry Stevens, Sec.

ILLINOIS.

Sept. 15th, in response to an invitation, 33 of our members visited Electa Chapter, Peoria. Four candidates were initiated in a very impressive manner. Following the initiation, the beautiful Floral Addenda was given. Refreshments were served in the Banquet Hall. We were very much pleased with our visit but missed the loved face of "our mother," Sue M. Simpson, who was out of the city. The sisters and brothers treated us so kindly, we shall remember with pleasure the visit to Electa Chapter.

F. M. C.

September 7, W. G. M., Sister Jane M. Ricketts, and Deputy G. M., Sister Mary Bunn, were the invited guests of Olney Chapter. The degrees were conferred on three candidates and two applications received, after which refreshments were served. The chapter presented the G. M. with a handsome silver souvenir spoon, which was very much appreciated. The work was pronounced well done, notwithstanding five of the officers were pro tem. Sister Ricketts made many warm friends in this chapter, who hope for her reelection at the next session of Grand Chapter. She was entertained while in Olney by sister Libbie Raling, P. M. of Olney Chapter. L. R.

In a note from Nettie Ransford, she writes, "My dear, forget not the little helps along the way." Is this a mild suggestion for news from Hesperia Chapter? During the summer, Hesperia Chapter, Havana, did not confer degrees. September 8th, two candidates were initiated and the events celebrated with a fine banquet. After we had assembled, word was received that a sister Mrs. Myrtie Meyer had passed away. This news cast a sadness over our joy. A committee on resolutions was appointed who made the following report: Sisters and Brothers of Hesperia Chapter No. 137, O. E. S.: Again we are called upon to mourn with those who mourn and weep with those who weep. In the midst of life we are in death. Death has again invaded our chapter and found a shining mark. Our beloved sister, Myrtie Coppel Meyer, is no more. God's finger touched her and she slept.

"The circle is broken, three seats are forsaken,
Two buds from the tree of our friendship are shaken,
Three hearts from among us no longer shall thrill
With joy in our gladness, or grief in our ill.

O, who can forget the mild light of her smile,
Over lips moved with music and feeling the while,
The eyes deep enchantment, blue, dreamlike and clear,
In the glow of its gladness the shade of its tear.

As a cloud of the sunset, slow melting in heaven,
As a star that is lost when the daylight is given
As a glad dream of slumber, which waken in bliss,
She hath passed to the world of the holy from this.

Dearest sister, rest in peace!

Thy memory's to thy friends most dear,

And till our hearts vibrations cease,

Will think of thee with loving care."

To the family and friends of our bereaved sister we would offer our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this, the hour of their

bereavement. Her memory will ever be cherished in our hearts, and when we work for the living we will remember the dead.

FRANCES M. HALL,
FLORENCE M. COLLINS, } Com.
O. H. HARTMAN,

KANSAS.

Elizabeth Richmond Chapter, South Haven, gave an ice cream social August 27, the proceeds of which was over \$18.00 and will be used for supplies. July 6 two candidates were initiated.

Olive Chapter, Ft. Scott, met in regular session on the 6th. Two candidates were initiated into our Order, also two petitions were received. Our meeting was quiet, as all felt sad at our Patron's empty chair, but we feel that he has only left us a little ahead and gone up higher to await our coming. Our Matron, Sister Pulliam, at the close thanked us all for kind words and support during her time with us. She leaves for her field of labor to go to the great city of Chicago, and we bid her "God speed," and may our loss be their gain. May she find a home in our beautiful Order, and loving hearts and hands to welcome her. We feel that she will not go among strangers, for we make welcome all who come among us.

J. H. P.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The gavel sounded in Mizpah Chapter, Marlboro, Monday evening, September 12, for the first time after the long vacation. Brothers and sisters came from the shores and the hills and many glad greetings were exchanged. Eleven candidates were balloted for and elected. The season promises to be an active and prosperous one.

After a vacation of two months, Naomi Chapter, North Adams, re-assembled for work Sep. 1. The faces of those present showed that all were glad to be once more in the chapter-room. Through the vacation the members and their friends enjoyed two picnics at Valley Park. The first one on July 8, was something long to be remembered by those who attended, Jupiter Pluvius, with all his assistants, appearing just as the tables were spread for supper. The next picnic occurred July 21, and was a success in every respect, the opportunity being afforded of having your fortune told by the Gypsy fortune-teller. Cupid has not been idle in our chapter, as three of our members were married in the space of three months.

MISSOURI.

The Order in this jurisdiction is in a flourishing condition. Twenty new chapters have been organized during the year.

The meeting of Harmony Chapter on the 6th instant, was peculiarly interesting, although for once, no work was in hand. There was a large attendance in their elegant new quarters (seventy-five or more), and after disposing of a half dozen petitions, remarks were in order. It was discovered that a large number of visitors were present. Mendias Chapter of Kansas City, Kansas, was re-

presented by nearly a dozen, and some half dozen other chapters had representatives on the floor. We noticed among the guests, Sister Marshall, W. M. of Argentine, Kansas; Sister Gould of Rochester, Indiana; Sister Thomas of Kansas City; Sister Bishop of Cincinnati; Sister Hasting of Chicago, Illinois and Sister De Charm of Des Moines, Iowa. Harmony takes the feather on visitors. This chapter pays \$300 a year rent, and yet the sisters have just purchased over \$100 worth of silverware and crockery for the frequent "spreads" which they hold.

ALICE.

The several chapters of Kansas and Missouri long ago formed an Interstate Picnic Association to perpetuate the celebration of the Festival Day of the Order. In accordance therewith, their annual picnic was held August 31, at Washington Park, Kansas City, Mo. Basket lunches were served at noon and early evening.

During the afternoon the following entertainment was presented in the pavilion:

Overture by the Kansas City Band, address of welcome, by Dr. C. H. Bowker; oration, by P. G. P., Sam L. C. Rhodes, giving an historical sketch of the Order; recitations by Miss Edith Kilner, and sisters Lottie E. Clark and Mary E. Bliss.

At the close of the entertainment a short business meeting was held, at which Bro. Julian, of Olathe, Kansas, was elected President, and Sister Hanson, of Harmony Chapter, Kansas City, Mo., Secretary. It was also voted that hereafter the picnic shall be held at Miriam Park, Johnson County, Kansas.

As the last rays of the setting sun was falling on the scene, a boat race was given on the beautiful lake in the park, between the two Kansas City ladies' boat clubs, in which the champion, Miss Marion Wright, easily won the prize.

Guests were present from Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Massachusetts.

MICHIGAN.

Queen Esther Chapter, Ionia, will exemplify the work for the meeting of the Grand Chapter which will be held there this month.

Sylvia Chapter, Buchanan, has a membership of forty-eight and one petition awaiting action. The officers who will have charge of the chapter for the ensuing year are: Sylvia N. Scott, W. M.; Freeman Franklin, W. P.; Anna Butler, A. M.; Sister C. O. Hamilton, Sec.

Oriental Chapter, Grand Rapids, gave the Chapter of Sorrow in June with very pleasing effect and at a special meeting in July eight candidates were initiated and two were received by demit. There was a large attendance and no lack of interest in the work. The chapter has always done good work and the men robes add greatly to its beauty.

Middleville Chapter, at its regular meeting, September 2, initiated two candidates, and afterwards elected officers for the ensuing year. The election being completed, all repaired to the banquet-hall and partook of the

good things prepared for them, after which the officers were installed by Past Patron, Bro. Rich. Mrs. A. A. Matteson, W. M.; S. C. Rich, W. P.; Miss F. M. Hodge, A. M.; Mrs. S. C. Dowling, Sec.

Myrtle Chapter, Fort Gratiot, has met with a great loss in the death of its W. M., Sister Lora W. Parker. She was ill but a short time and was a woman of rare virtues. Her death occurred August 28, and her loss will be deeply felt, not only by the chapter to which she was ever faithful, but by the community. She leaves a husband, a son and two daughters, to whom in this deep sorrow we tender sincere sympathy.

MINNESOTA.

Lorraine Chapter, Minneapolis, has added elegant robes, exquisite tables, and most effective of all, beautiful white satin banners for each point of the star. Upon each banner is delicately painted the emblems of each heroine. Another new and attractive feature is the signet, a gift to the chapter by the W. M., Sister Flynn, in the form of a banner made of white satin, and also hand-painted. All this exquisite painting was done by Miss Penley, a niece of the W. M. At a special meeting of this chapter September 8, six candidates received the degrees.

By the removal of Bro. S. C. Eckenbeck, from Waseca to Bozeman, Montana, Hope Chapter loses three efficient officers, Susette Eckenbeck, W. M.; Louise Eckenbeck, Org., and Fannie Forbes, Martha, who goes with them. August 16, the last regular meeting at which these friends could be present, during the intermission a short musical and literary program was rendered and light refreshments served, after which the Associate Matron, in behalf of Hope Chapter, presented Sister Eckenbeck with a set of souvenir spoons. Those present at the last installation of Grand Officers will remember that Susette Eckenbeck was installed as G. War.

Constellation Chapter, St. Paul, invited the G. M. to visit them, who, accompanied by the G. Sec. and several other members of the Order, did so on September 7. A most enjoyable evening it proved for the visitors. Work was performed, the W. M., Jennie Dampier, deserving especial mention. She presides with dignity and grace, and is gifted with an unusually good voice. In giving the lecture she articulated every word clearly, and placed the emphasis in such places as to render all very attractive. A short musical program added to the enjoyment, for among the number was a zylophone duet by the Straka sisters. Light refreshments closed an evening spent amid kindly feeling and cordial hospitality.

The G. M., after her attendance upon the G. G. C., will visit New York and Washington. During her stay in New York State she will attend the dedicatory services of the Masonic Temple in Utica.

A party composed of Mary C. Taylor, G. M.; Louise Jacoby, P. G. M., and eighteen other

members of the Order, spent August 18 on and about Lake Minnetonka. A small steamer was chartered for the day and thus the pleasure-seekers had an opportunity of visiting any island or jutting headland they desired. Crane Island is one of the places that interest visitors, from the fact that by the will of a deceased person, the whole island became the property of the State, with the proviso that the cranes ever be left unmolested there. It is a heavy fine to shoot one. They are so numerous that upon one tree twenty-six nests were counted. Another point of interest visited was "The Hermitage." Here all visitors are welcomed by the present occupant, a brother of the deceased hermit. On the grave of the latter, which is near the house, each visitor is requested to deposit a stone of any curious shape he may be able to find about the shores of the lake, and thereon transcribe his name. In and about the house thousands of tourists have written their names and addresses. This is permitted though cutting with a knife is prohibited. The land thus occupied was pre-empted by the "Hermit" in 1854. He served as Captain through the Rebellion, and the brother still living there was a Major. A fact that elicited the interest of all this party was a five-pointed wooden star, cut by the one who now lies beneath it, serving as his only head-stone.

Arcana Chapter is prospering, having work at nearly every meeting. At the request of the W. M., Ida M. Wing, prepared the following resolutions upon the death of Sister McKinney:

"In the measureless realm of time how brief is our earthly life, yet how momentous and eternal its issues." Only a few short months ago one came through the door of our chapter-room from the dark north, and among the beautiful lessons of our Order to which she listened that night were these words:

Mrs. McKinney came that evening a stranger to most of us. She left us a sister, a member of the Eastern Star. On account of sickness she was not again permitted to meet with us, to learn more of the divine truths which inspired the lives of the heroines of our Order, but she has answered the question "Believest thou this?" and has entered upon the rest prepared by Him who said to her as truly as to the sorrowing sister of Bethany, "I am the resurrection and the life."

We regret that we could not have known her better while she was here, that it was not permitted of her to help us in our great work in the service of humanity, but rejoice that she was one who had chosen the better part which cannot be taken from her, and feel sure that all is well with her.

To the husband thus sorely bereaved, and to the dear children, we extend our loving sympathy, and trust that the star of Bethlehem, which was her light, may shine upon them with a new luster, leading them to the new home where she awaits them in that city not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

LOUISE LYON JOHNSON.

NEBRASKA.

Tuscan Chapter, Kearney, held its regular meeting September 5, with forty-eight members present. The following visitors were heartily welcomed among us: Sister E. A. Hartshorn Buckley, Ill.; Sister J. B. Miserve

McCook, Neb.; Sister Kretschmer, Red Oak, Iowa; Sister Arnold, P. M., Chadron, Neb. One candidate was initiated, after which the Floral Work was exemplified in a most impressive manner. The officers wore their new robes and sashes, and made a nice appearance and good impression. Three petitions were received, which were referred to proper committees for investigation. The meeting was a pleasant one and a good time enjoyed. Instead of the preceding regular meeting a social was held at the beautiful home of our W. M., Sister Allen, who in her sweet hospitable manner, entertained all right royally. Ice cream and cake were served. All present enjoyed themselves until a late hour, when they adjourned to their quiet homes to fall asleep amidst the reflections of kind and loving social greetings. H.

OHIO.

July 20 a chapter was organized at Edgerton, with a charter membership of thirty-seven. It was organized by S. H. Schmuck, G. P., assisted by Linda J. Lowry, G. Con., and Jennie Rice, both of Ada Chapter; also Brother and Sister Eichelberger, of Pocatello, Idaho, who were paying a visit to their old home. Of this chapter, which promises to be a bright particular Star, Lizzie Walton, is W. M.; J. C. Mortland, W. P.; Elizabeth Austin, A. M.

TEXAS.

Ransford Chapter, Huston, was recently organized with a charter membership of sixty by Mary J. Scott Underhill. It has a membership of bright, enthusiastic workers. Of this chapter the following officers were chosen unanimously: Mary J. Scott Underhill, W. M.; S. D. More, W. P.; Annie McElroy, A. M.

August 11 we bid the dear old mother and many friends of Denton good-by, taking the train enroute to Austin, our capital city. At 9:55 a. m. we reached Ft. Worth, where we breakfasted. Thence the iron horse sped his way on through rich country and fine scenery. As far as the eye could reach, vast fields of the Texas staple cotton, and trees laden with luscious fruit, greeted our gaze. Arriving at Waco we had thirty minutes for dinner. At Austin, the home of our early womanhood, we were met by that grand old Mason, Sir K. T. Murrah, and taken to his hospitable home as a guest during our stay in the beautiful capital city of hills. Many were the kind favors bestowed on us by our host and his good wife, Mayor McDonald and family, and many others too numerous to mention, among which was a ride in company with Mrs. McDonald and her charming daughter, Miss Gracie, to the famous Colorado river dam, now nearing completion; gigantic indeed is the structure, and beautiful the scenery surrounding. Another pleasant visit was that in company with Bro. Murrah to the new capital, that magnificent structure composed of native granite. Here we had the pleasure of feasting our eyes on the life-size picture in oil of the capture of the famous Gen. Santa

Anne, by the gifted artist, Mr. Huddel. A petition for dispensation to organize a chapter was circulated, which resulted in the organization August 29, with a list of eighty-five charter members. Your humble servant, with the able assistance of the D. G. P., Jno. O. Johnson, of Tirza Chapter, and the efficient young Secretary of the new chapter, did the work of organizing. At the close of the meeting the Grand officer, officers and members of Tirzah Chapter were invited to the Lodge banquet-hall where a magnificent reception and banquet was held in honor of the occasion. Standing at the head of the table the D. G. M. took leave of her newly-made brothers and sisters amidst numerous and fervent expressions of gratification, congratulations and God speed.

August 30 we bade adieu to Austin, arriving in Houston in the evening, being met by our fond husband, Sir K. T., R. B. B. Underhill, who as D. G. P. will soon assist in organizing a chapter at that place, of which more anon. MARY J. SCOTT UNDERHILL, D. G. M.

WISCONSIN.

August 4 a chapter was organized at Dodgeville, with a charter membership of thirty-five. The officers of Mineral Point Chapter assisted in the organization.

September 7 Mineral Point Chapter initiated two candidates and conferred the Floral Work. Among the visitors present there were seven from Shullsburg Chapter, U. D., and eight from the newly organized chapter at Dodgeville. The work was followed by a banquet. Several petitioners await initiation.

August 6 a jolly crowd of Ashland Knight Templars, with their ladies, left on the evening train to attend the Twenty-fifth Triennial Conclave at Denver. The Commandery had their own train, consisting of two sleepers, a diner and a day coach. From Chicago we went over the Santa Fe road, the General Passenger Agent, H. N. Butterfield, accompanying us. He is a gentleman of culture and refinement, and is well fitted for the position he holds. We feel indebted to him for the interest he took in making our trip so pleasant. Our dining car conductor, A. Dempsey, (a young Wisconsin boy) succeeded in winning the good opinion of all by his patience and obliging manner. Denver deserves great praise for the hospitable manner in which she entertained her guests. We sincerely hope that 1895 will bring us an invitation to join the Ashland Knights on their trip to Boston, as we heartily enjoyed ourselves with such a good-natured and jolly company. Long live the gallant Ashland Knights. MRS. J. H. FRIEND.

IN MEMORIAM.

KANSAS.

Report of Resolution Committee on the death of Dr. A. L. Burson, Worthy Patron of Olive Chapter, Fort Scott, Kansas:

To the officers and members of Olive Chapter No. 13, O. E. S. Your committee appointed for the purpose of drafting resolutions of

condolence to the bereaved family of our beloved brother and Worthy Patron, Dr. A. L. Burson, do sorrowfully submit the following:

WHEREAS, In the death of Dr. A. L. Burson, our beloved Patron, Olive Chapter has lost a valued member, and

WHEREAS, Our golden chain has been broken, one more link has been severed, and another star has entered the higher chapter to lengthen the ever-increasing, unseen chain.

Resolved, That we as a chapter, extend to our afflicted and grief-stricken sister, his widow and his daughter, our sympathy in their sorrow. May they have the trustful faith of Martha, and heroic endurance of Electa, to strengthen them in this bereavement.

Resolved, That we also extend our sympathy to the bereaved parents, brothers and sisters of our deceased brother, especially to our sisters, Mrs. L. C. Boyle and Mrs. R. L. Scott, of Paris, Ill.

Resolved, That the usual badges of mourning be displayed, and that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records, and that a certified copy hereof be handed to our sister, the widow of our deceased brother.

SARAH C. HALL,
MARY A. HEPLER, } Com.
E. W. HULBERT.

INDIANA.

Bourbon, Ind., Sept. 12, 1892.

Hall of Bourbon Chapter, No. 28, O. E. S.:

We, your committee to draft resolutions of respect on the death of Sister Minerva A. Luty, who died August 19, 1892, would respectfully submit the following:

WHEREAS, Death again visited our chapter and removed from our midst our well beloved sister, Minerva A. Luty, therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of our sister, this chapter laments the loss of one who was always ready to extend the hand of aid and the voice of sympathy to the needy and distressed.

Resolved, That our hearts go out in sympathy to her bereaved family and friends. Be it further

Resolved, That the charter of this chapter be draped in mourning for the space of thirty days, and that these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the chapter, and published in the Bourbon Mirror and THE EASTERN STAR.

Fold her, Father, in Thine arms,
And let her henceforth be
A messenger of love between
Our human breasts and Thee.

MRS. HATTIE PASCHELL,
MRS. ANNA BALUE, } Com.
MISS ELLA BEEMAN.

The following resolutions of respect and condolence for Sister Ruth H. Lee, are submitted by the committee, appointed by Bourbon Chapter, August 17, 1892:

Death has again entered our mystic circle and taken a sister who was dearly beloved by all. Our sister possessed those qualities of patience, gentle forbearance and love, which endeared her to all and made her influence for good so strong. In memory of her many

virtues we present the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we bow in submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, and though we deeply deplore our loss, we remember that He doeth all things well.

Resolved, That we shall miss her pleasant face from our circle, and shall look in vain for her return, but the memory of her shall be sweet and lasting.

Resolved, That her virtues shall be our guiding star as we go forward on the journey of life.

Resolved, That we sincerely sympathize with the husband, children and other relatives in their great loss.

Resolved, That the chapter be draped in mourning for the period of thirty days, and that a copy of these resolutions be furnished for publication, and spread on the records of the chapter, and that a copy be furnished the family of the deceased.

MRS. LUCINDA BOWMAN,
MRS. ENOLA PAYNE, } Com.
MRS. EDITH McALPINE.

A SURPRISE PRESENTATION.

[Terre Haute Express.]

The regular meeting of the ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star was held in their handsome rooms Sep. 14, '92. The usual work was performed, and two candidates received the beautiful degrees of the order. After the work a very great surprise was the presentation of a costly and very unique gold badge to Mrs. Eva M. Hollinger, who holds the highest position in the order in the State, being Grand Matron of Indiana. By request, Mr. W. S. Roney made a few remarks as follows in presenting the badge:

"I do not desire to afflict you with a formal speech, but I can not refrain from expressing my appreciation of the correct and conscientious work of the faithful ladies in the chapter of the Eastern Star, which is only one of the great departments of the world of labor and effort.

Life would be very unreal to most of us if it were deprived of the incentives that come in the way of friendship and comradeship. We can all realize how close the bond that unites one to others who have the same aspirations, the same desires and motives. So we appreciate the friendships of the comrades in arms during the war, which have only grown more precious as the years have lessened their number and thinned their ranks; but to my mind union in effort for the assistance of others, the care of the sick, the help of the distressed, the comfort of the dying, brings

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more comforting realization in the present, and more delightful retrospect than all others. The labor for others opens a broad outlook to life—leads one to higher realms of thought, ennobles and beautifies the commonest affairs of life—O that one but fulfills her highest mission in ministrations of love and benevolence, and to these the Master's plaudits will be sweet, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." "Inasmuch as ye have done it to one of the least of these ye have done it unto me." To my thought, this is the outlook and unselfish labor of the earnest workers in the order of the Eastern Star, and to them I say this evening, all hail! let not your zeal falter, nor your labors cease.

The pleasant duty has been assigned to me of giving recognition to merit and expressing the esteem which the members of this chapter of the Eastern Star bear to one of their number, who has been worthily placed in the highest position of the order in our State. And to Mrs. Hollinger I now present this token of respect and esteem from her friends and admirers, the members of Terre Haute Chapter No. 43, desiring to express by this beautiful and costly badge, although but faintly, their love and admiration for this rapable and efficient friend and sister.

Mrs. Hollinger was completely surprised but responded with thanks in a few well chosen remarks. After a short program of instrumental music and recitations the members adjourned to a bountiful banquet provided by one of the sections of the order.

D. E. S.

Following is a little story told by Joe Haworth, says the Minneapolis Journal: A little girl, not more than four years old, the only child of some friends whom Haworth used to visit frequently, was always puzzling her little brain about thunderstorms, what they were and what made those loud noises. One day she asked her mamma about it, and her mamma answered, "Why, darling, that loud noise is the voice of God." A few days later the little one was playing on the lawn with her dolls, when a dark mass of clouds rolled up from the west and the muttering of thunder became more frequent and more pronounced. Her mother called to her to come in, and the little one collected her family of dolls in her chubby little arms and started to toddle toward the house. Just as she reached the piazza steps there was a terrific clap of thunder, and she, hastening to get to her mamma, looked up in the sky, and said in a hurt tone, "Oh, Dad, 'oo needn't holler so loud; I's hurwyr'n' dest as fast as I tan."

The National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps was held in Washington, D. C. It was called to order at 10 a. m. September 21 by the National President, Sue A. Pike Sanders, who submitted a lengthy and carefully prepared report. The business and comfort of the convention was considerably interrupted by removals, the first day's session being held in the First Baptist Church which

was appropriately and beautifully decorated. A change was made to the body of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church from which a transfer was made on Saturday evening to the basement of the church that the audience room might be gotten in readiness for the Sunday service. The convention lasted four days and was well attended until the last day when many of the delegates were compelled to leave the legislation, much of which was quite important, and should have received earlier attention, to the handful that remained. Hasty legislation is very apt to be of the unprofitable sort, and the most important measures should receive first attention, while those participating are not wearied with unnecessary discussions and unprofitable debates. The twenty-fifth anniversary of the President occurred during the week of the meeting and she was generously remembered by her associates and friends to gifts of silver. Indiana was well represented and as the National Encampment, G. A. R. will hold its meeting of '92 in Indianapolis, the W. R. C. will also meet in the Hoosier Capital. We trust that all things may be so arranged as to cause no conflict of arrangements.

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WILLIAM A. LAWRENCE,

Wisconsin's First Grand Patron.

William A. Lawrence was born at West Garland, Penobscot County, Maine, November 5, 1856. He obtained his education in the common school of his native town. He lived on the farm with his parents until August, 1873, when he came west to Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, and entered the employ of A. W. Lawrence and Co. as salesman in a general store. He was soon promoted to office work, in which department he enjoyed the complete charge, and constant care until April 1, 1891 when he entered into partnership with three other gentlemen in establishing the Merchants' Exchange Bank, in which he occupies the position of cashier.

On November 5, 1879, he was married to Miss Josephine Nelson, and their happy home is now shared with two children, a son and a daughter.

He is always among the first in encouraging any move that will tend to advance the community, either educationally, morally, or socially, and has very ably qualified himself for various positions of trust which have been reposed in him. He is especially interested in education, and is at present a member of the school board.

Although young in years, he is one of the most advanced Masons in this section. He was initiated January 19, 1878, passed March 16, 1878, and raised April 20, 1878, in Key Lodge No. 174, F. and A. M., at Ahnapee, Wisconsin. As soon as he had advanced thus far, he commenced working with the members of the Order hereabout, requesting that they all demit from their various Lodges and establish a new Lodge at home, and in October, 1878 the little company gathered their demits together and on the second of the following month procured a dispensation for Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 211, and the following June

they received their charter. He received the Chapter degrees in April, 1879 in Warren Chapter No. 8, of Royal Arch Masons at Green Bay, Wisconsin, also the Council degrees in May, 1882, in Warren Council of Royal and Select Masters at Green Bay.

He received the Commandery degrees in April, 1883, in Palestine Commandery No. 20, Knights Templar at Green Bay, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite degrees, including the

Worshipful Master during 1882, '85, '88 and 1891, and is now filling that station.

He has served on various committees in the meeting of several Grand Bodies, to which he has been a delegate, and at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, F. and A. M., he was appointed Grand Sword Bearer. In all these various offices, his honor and fidelity to himself and the fraternity has never been questioned.

To Brother Lawrence, more than any other Mason, the Order of the Eastern Star in Wisconsin owes its existence. For years, whenever the opportunity presented itself, he labored earnestly that the degrees of that Order might obtain a footing in this State, and when after long waiting, the matter was decided in the affirmative, he hastened to gather together a sufficient number to entitle the Eastern Star of Wisconsin to a birthplace in his own town. His efforts were crowned with success. We received our charter from the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the United States, bearing the date of July 10, 1890, and as a slight appreciation of his untiring labors, we elected him first Worthy Patron of Honor Chapter No. 1, O. E. S., located at Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

Then when the months rolled by and we gathered in Milwaukee to organize a Grand Chapter in our State, he was the choice for first Grand Patron, and we again did him honor by electing him to that office. Few, if any, could have done more to establish a healthy growth, and to advance our cause, than he did during his administration.

His interest in all grades of Masonry is great, but being so unfortunate as to live where railroad communication is unknown, he is unable to take the active part which he so much enjoys doing.

Brother Lawrence has hosts of friends all ready to sing of his never-failing steadfastness in times of need, and many more waiting to join in the chorus that he may live long the



WILLIAM A. LAWRENCE.

thirty-second, in Wisconsin Consistory at Milwaukee in April, 1886, and the A. A. O. N. Mystic Shrine in Tripoli Temple at Milwaukee in March, 1891.

He filled the office of Junior Deacon from November 2, 1878, to December 25, 1880; of Secretary during the years 1884, '86, '87 and 1890; of Junior Warden during 1881. He was

ous duties, she may renew the support and spoken commendation of all who have seen His star in the East, and have come to worship Him, is the earnest and heartfelt wish of the writer.

For The Eastern Star.

NEW YEAR'S REVERIE.

With the sounding bells of the New Year, hopes and aspirations flow in, while sighs well from the heart over the unaccomplished resolutions of the past.

As we sit alone and listen to the wind sighing a requiem for the dying year, we decently inter some dead hope, some wrong done or borne, some mistake; and give anxious thought for the future year and all it may bring.

Have we caused a smile of happiness to gleam a moment on the wintry gloom of some sad face or helped some one over a thorny path, or bid a friend God speed on the road to higher achievements!

Each one of us wear chains as surely as the veriest galley-slave. Miles of chain, slowly fashioned of habitual acts and thoughts, made up of every impulse of our minds, or perhaps made for us by those who are responsible for our existence!

The sun-set to-night, flamed purple and gold, lighted the clouds with refulgent rays, and made no apology to the beautiful dying days gone before; the daisy flings her petals to the wind, unmindful of the dead flowers of other summers, complete in itself—all nature lives in the present, not heeding the beauties that were. While we bind ourselves, not only by our own thoughts, but by every mind with which we come in contact. We are bound by custom, by etiquette; and live in a fever lest we should break man's rules, while day after day we transgress God's laws fearlessly.

If I knew how, I would let my burden drop this New Year! I would strike off my chain, would try for real strength, wisdom and a real self-knowledge.

Out on the streets are the poor, the miserable, the wretched, and a kindly Christian spirit working for mankind with charity, forbearance and mercy could change for the better a little of the degradation, the meagre, wolfish, pinched degradation to be found at our very doors.

A little more patience in the home, more love and tenderness for the little ones that bring us purest joys, more interest in their little plans, more kisses and caresses to feed their hearts, less anger, less scolding at their faults with a thought to the law "the sins of the fathers descend to the children unto the third and fourth generation." More care of the bread-winner and his comfort, a silencing of conflicting opinions and a word of love for his faithful endeavor to supply the manifold family wants. A kind word for the aged ones whose active work is over, and who stand on the shore "only waiting." A little, only a little lightening of mother's cares, a thought

now and then for the woman who cares for the home, the clothing, the cooking, the sewing, the planning to make one dollar do the work of two, she who oftenest stays home from pleasure, does the duties distasteful to the rest of the household, she who can and does mend Tom's ball and trims Jennie's ball dress, watches the baby and finds healing in her finger-tips for the sufferer. Forgive if she is "nervous," see that she gets out to a concert or lecture, and is well dressed when she does go. Kindness to all, for the New Year may bring a summons for some loved one, and we left in remorse and pain can only moan "It might have been."

—ALICE STRONG.

For The Eastern Star.

THACKERAY'S WOMEN.

In speaking of the women that the great English novelist portrayed, the first names to suggest themselves are those of Becky Sharpe in *Vanity Fair*, or perhaps those of Beatrix or Lady Castlewood in what Anthony Trollope calls Thackeray's greatest work. But Thackeray has portrayed women other than these; women who lived real lives, women who had all the faults and all the virtues of a Beatrix, or of a Becky Sharpe. He has told us of Caroline of Anspact, who, at a time when German princes thought no more of changing their religion than of the change of a garment, was so firm in her adherence to Protestantism that she refused to change her belief for the creed of another, even though an archduke afterward to be an emperor was offered her for a bridegroom. She resisted the entreaties of Protestant friends, and skillful jesuits, and refusing Charles VI, married the little electoral Prince of Hanover, and was a tender, devoted, self-sacrificing wife to her life's end. Caroline's devotion says Thackeray, "is a prodigy to read of" and her unselfish regard culminated in a request upon her death-bed that the old king, her husband, should marry again.

Thackeray also tells us of the maid of honor, Mary Bellenden, saucy and charming, who despising the fine compliments of the Prince of Wales folded her arms across her breast and bade H. R. H. keep his distance, much after the style that an American princess who was not maid of honor, treated another Prince of Wales.

This beautiful, jolly Mary Bellenden is represented by writers of that day as "the most perfect creature ever known."

Thackeray gives a quaint picture of the Princess Charlotte of Mecklenburg Strelitz who won a king for a husband by writing a very sensible letter full of platitudes about the horrors of war and the blessings of peace. It was a letter without a single blot, and Charlotte like the heroine of the old spelling-book story, packed her trunks and sailed away with King George in a beautiful yacht, with a harpsichord on board for her to play upon, and flags and streamers flying from the

fleet in attendance. She was not beautiful but she was true, and faithful, and he was to her a good husband. The King's household became a model of charity, frugality and good order, and so stupid that the great novelist says it is no wonder that the princess ran away from the lap of that dreary domestic virtue.

In speaking of Dean Swift and of the rivals, Stella and Vanessa, for the Dean's affections, Thackeray portrays another phase of woman nature. He says the news of Swift's marriage with Stella killed Vanessa, and when she died and Stella heard that Swift had written beautifully regarding her, "That doesn't surprise me," said Stella, "for we all know the Dean could write beautifully about a broomstick," and here Thackeray's cynicism displays itself as he remarks: "A woman? a true woman! would you have had one of them forgive the other?"

Thackeray has his fling at the infelicity of married life in summing up the character of Laurence Sterne and his wife, who before her marriage, conferred upon Sterne every shilling she possessed. After twenty-five years of married life, when Sterne writes, "I don't know what is the matter with me, but I am more tired and sick of my wife than ever," Thackeray with fine sarcasm says, "that fine flower of love, that polyanthus over which Sterne snivelled so many times could not last for a quarter of a century!"

Thackeray's compassion for the weak, the erring, the sinful of womankind, we learn when in respect of Hood's "Bridge of Sighs" he asks, "Who can read it without tenderness, without reverence to heaven, charity to man, and thanks to the beneficent genius who so nobly sang:

"Take her up tenderly,
Lift her with care;
Fashioned so slenderly,
Young and so fair,
Owing her weakness,
Her evil behavior,
And leaving with meekness
Her sins to her Savior!"

If in Thackeray's novel the Beatrix whom Henry Esmond loved evokes no compassion, it is because a woman's ambition culminating in a foul career becomes revolting.

Thackeray tells us that to Richard Steele of the Eighteenth century is due the good will of all women; that it was Steele, who as a writer first began to pay a manly homage to woman's goodness and understanding as well as to her tenderness and beauty. In an age when woman was thought by some to be a fool, by others to be man's plaything, Steele acknowledged her sense and adored her purity and beauty.

That Thackeray drew his pictures of womanhood from real characters gives his words added weight when he says, "There are many more clever women in the world than men think for; our habit has been to despise them; we believe they do not think because they do not contradict us, and that they are weak because they do not struggle to rise up against us. A man only begins to know wo-

men as he grows old, and for my part my opinion of their cleverness rises every day." It is the sincerity of Thackeray that causes his works to be read more to-day than in his lifetime.

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We entered a door near Victoria tower and had no trouble to obtain a ticket of admission, but were hurried through in a most uncomfortable fashion. From the Norman porch we entered the queen's robing room, but could scarcely get a bird's eye view of the fresco paintings, exquisite carvings, fire place, doors and state chairs. The room is forty-five feet long. We passed from the robing room into the royal, or Victoria Gallery, 110 feet long. The queen and her attendants pass through this room to the House of the Lords, for the purpose of opening Parliament. The floor of this room is mosaic, the sides are adorned with frescos, the ceiling paneled and richly gilded.

The Prince's chamber that we entered next is a model of magnificence. Above the portals are portraits of English sovereigns and others. I would fain have spent the afternoon in this room. Had time to take down a few names only, Louis XII of France, and his queen Mary, sister to Henry VIII of England. The much married king and his six wives, Edward VI, queen Mary and her husband Philip of Spain, and queen Elizabeth, thirty in all. The casts we saw in the Crystal Palace were taken from these. Two doors lead from this room into the House of Peers. This room is ninety feet long, forty-five high and forty-five wide. It has a seating capacity of 434. It has twelve fine stained glass windows, which contain portraits of all the kings and queens since the Conquest. At the south

end of the hall raised a few feet, and covered with a gilded canopy, is the magnificent throne of the queen, at the right and lower down is the throne of the Prince of Wales, a throne for the Sovereigns consort is on the left, both of the latter are elegantly upholstered. We passed through the Peers lobby and Peers robing room to the spacious central hall. This room, octagonal, in shape, is sixty feet in diameter and seventy-five feet high. The niches in the walls hold statues of English sovereigns.

Here too, I would have lingered, but we were allowed only a few moments to see venition mosaic's and emblems of the British crown. We next passed through the corridor and lobby into the House of Commons. This room is not as elegantly furnished as the House of Lords, but the oak panels were more substantial and business like. Seats are provided for 476 members. The room is seventy-five feet long, forty-five wide and forty-one high. This room is lighted through the glass panels set in the ceiling. It is furnished with speakers' desk, clerks and reporters' tables, galleries, also one for ladies. I was told that unless a person was acquainted with an M. P. they could not get admission to the House of Lords or Commons when in session. After a few moments study we returned to Central Hall and passed into St. Stephen's hall, so named from St. Stephen's chapel which once occupied its site. It is seventy-five feet long, thirty feet wide and fifty-five feet high. Along the walls are marble statues of celebrated English statesmen, such as Lord Somers, Mansfield, Carendon, Fox, Burk, and a few English sovereigns. A broad flight of steps leads to Westminster Hall. This is one of the largest halls in the world, its dimensions are 290 feet long, sixty-eight feet wide, ninety-two feet high. It is unsupported by columns. The oaken roof was made from the wood of an old vessel. This hall is rich in historical associations. Here many notable persons were condemned to death, including Wm. Wallace, Sir Thomas Moore, Thomas Wentworth, the Earl of Strafford; Guy Fakes and others. It was in this hall that the English sovereigns used to give their coronation festivals. Here Charles I was condemned to death and a few years later Cromwell, wearing the royal purple lined with ermine, holding a golden scepter in one hand, and a Bible in the other was saluted as Lord protector. Less than eight years after, his body was rudely dragged from Westminster Abbey and thrust into a pit at Syburn, while his head was exposed on a pinnacle, of this same hall where it remained thirty years. The wind at last carried it to the ground. It is said to have been picked up and sold to a relative. The story serves to show the barbarity of that period, for such terrible things would not be tolerated to-day in any civilized country. The last public festival held in this hall was the coronation of George IV. On the east side are statues of noted persons. We saw a door which leads

to a crypt, which is ninety feet long, twenty-eight feet wide, and twenty feet high. We were not told to what use the crypt is put, but presume it is a sepulchre. It was erected by King Stephen and afterwards rebuilt by the kings, Edward II and III. The portion of this immense building that we did not see includes residences, libraries, refreshment and smoking rooms. The number of statues inside and out are more than 500. I judge it is the finest building of its kind in the world.

For The Eastern Star.

THE PURITAN.

Christianity, the vitality of the soul, the nurse under whose fostering care every civilized nation has grown to greatness, had become corrupted. What then could be expected of her followers. The Monasteries, which had been houses of holiness, were houses of wickedness; the Monks were profligates, hiding under their cowls the world's worst vices. Their days supposed to be occupied with the sacred duty of teaching the young and alleviating the distressed, and their nights in holy communion with their God, were in reality spent in the worship of Moloch, at whose feet they bowed low, while many a golden calf was set up in the safe security of the cloister, and worshiped there blindly.

From what heights of purity and sanctity had the high priests fallen—and to what depths! What deceptions, what hypocracies were those spoken by God's ministers! What gross ignorance was that found among a people of a Christian land! "The darkest hour is just before the dawn." The darkness was intense; the dawn was breaking. Cranmer, Ridley, and Latimer rekindled the dying fires on the altar and then—perished in the sacred flame. Those who followed in their footsteps were persecuted, jeered, ridiculed; but from the ashes of those martyrs rose a hero—the offspring of the reformation—the Puritan. His somber face and gloomy mien first made him conspicuous in the magnificent reign of Elizabeth, when the resplendent Cavalier, with well curled love-locks, plumed hat, jeweled sword and artful flattery paid his court. All through the reign of the proud Stuarts he haunted the court and the palace, a death's-head at every feast.

The name Puritan, although given scornfully and mockingly as to one professing a chasteness of character not his own, yet had a peculiar significance when applied to the religious dissenter. It meant a purity, a cleanliness as acquired and "refined by fire."

The press at that period, with a freedom almost absolute, made the Puritan a target for its most scathing sarcasm, its keenest wit, its rudest jests. He was exposed to all the coarse insults of the stage at that time licentious beyond degree.

The Puritan was not a man of letters; he was defenseless. The jolly Royalists laughed loud and long at his homely dress of exaggerated simplicity; at his smoothly shaven head,

the "round head" of history; at the unmusical nasal quality of his voice, his gloomy face, his long and tedious prayers, his constant Scripture quoting, abhorrence of all amusements and gala days, and the Bible phrases which served him for a name, "Kill Sin," "Praise God," "Redemption." Yes they might well shout with boisterous merriment then, when the Puritan was a persecuted victim in their midst.

But who laughed as the Puritan commander with his army of Puritan soldiers marched over Marston Moors, with determination unswerved by obstacles, though they be heaped in his pathway mountain high; with a patient persistence which knew no defeat, with an integrity of principle, an enthusiasm in the cause of right, and a unity of purpose which made him victor in the field, and lord protector of a nation.

Religious ardor made the Puritan what he was, and for this he was called "fanatic," "blind enthusiast." Call him what you will, revile him as dissenter, heretic, but can you deny the justice of his cause, the usefulness of his life?

Macaulay says the absurdity of the Puritan was entirely external, like the badge worn by any brotherhood. Had he chosen a dress less conspicuous by its very simplicity, he had shown better taste. Had he recognized and accepted the difference between innocent merry-making and coarse carousals, he had shown better sense. But this he would not, indeed could not do. He was dragged to prison because he would not proclaim from his pulpit, according to the King's command, that Sunday afternoon should be devoted to bear-baiting, cock-fighting and dancing. But when he held the authority, not only did the market-place cease to resound with the voice of revelry, but the flames of the crackling yule log flared up and died; the wreaths about the garlanded May-pole withered and dropped their faded petals at the palsied feet of the dancer. The Puritan was as incapable of appreciating those gleeful holidays as his contemporaries were of understanding his sincerity and strength of character.

Life to the Puritan was a preparatory state through which he must pass before he could enter the realms of eternal happiness. Impatient to know all things, straining his eyes to catch at least some fleeting shadow of that happiness, he might well overlook the petty joys and sorrows of this world, might well count public honors, riches, fame, as so much dross. Life indeed had but one joy, the joy of knowing, though imperfectly, the Master; one aim, and that to serve Him. The magnificent Cathedral, the surpliced clergy, the music of trained voices, the crucifix, the burning of candles, were to him a "vanity of vanities," a showy nothing. Without ceremony but with reverence and sincere devotion he went to God as to a father. To His will he ascribed every event, be it the birth of a Prince or the death of a pauper, the fall of a mighty nation, or the failure of a corn crop. The Bible was to him the guide-book

of life, the source of never-failing knowledge.

It was this very enthusiasm which kept the mind and soul of the Puritan unpoluted. The sect might indeed be narrow-minded, bigoted and intolerant. It is well known that some in their zeal burned many of Charles II's finest paintings, even those of the sacred Madonna; but this littleness was not a part of the early Puritan—the Puritan gentlemen of honor and refinement, who has made his name memorable. No such weakness lurked in the brave hearts of Hampden, Cromwell, Milton or Bunyan. And yet how little were their beneficent lives appreciated.

Hampden, one of the noblest of men, died as he had lived, fighting for the cause. Cromwell, his brave deeds done, dared not step across his threshold without an armed escort; a grim phantom dogged his footsteps and death lurked in his pathway.

The Puritan Milton, after giving to the world the grandest epic written in our language, was ridiculed, taunted and then ignored. Bunyan, having suffered agonies of remorse for the sins committed in his youth, attempting to comfort others who suffered as he had, was thrown into Bedford jail, there to drag out twelve years of his life; his companions, the Bible and Fox's "Martyrs," his occupation, the "Pilgrim's Progress." Thus does the world reward its benefactors, but who shall say what reward they received from a more just Judge than man.

What can we, the American Nation, say of the Puritan? Were we to pile "Ossa on Pelion" with fine words, could we tell all we owe to him who laid the foundation of our national character, who bequeathed to us as our birth-right, his most sterling qualities. May he be to us in truth a "Gray Champion" to guard, protect and keep our national honor, the honor of the Puritan, spotless to his name.

E. D. S.

"JUSTICE" ASKS FOR JUSTICE.

DEAR EASTERN STAR—In a late issue of "The Trestle Board" appeared an article under the caption "A Woman Can Not Be a Mason." The fact declared in the caption is true, but the reason assigned in the article which follows, is false. It is not only false, but it is very uncomplimentary to the female sex, and as other Masonic journals have reproduced the article without note or comment, I have been moved to ask for space in your pages for a few words upon the subject.

In the first place, I would call attention to the fact that the writer of the article referred to, admits that he is only one in a thousand, who has discovered the real reason why a woman can not be made a Mason. That is, indeed, a very extraordinary statement and certainly not very flattering to the intelligence of the brethren, whose opportunities for "light," "more light," and "further light," were surely as favorable as his.

The writer, touching with contempt the few trite and humorous reasons, generally

given by the Fraternity, why women can not be admitted to their councils, proceeds to give what he calls "the true reason," namely: "Because the civil law disqualifies a woman from making contracts," and adds: "She is not free in that respect like a man. Being classed with infants, insane persons, imbeciles and vassals, there is the 'actual or presumed want of mental capacity' to make a contract."

Now, I would ask should such an unqualified statement be permitted to go unchallenged? Is it correct? On the contrary, do we not see the falsity of such an assertion in the fact that women are engaged in many occupations and industries, involving great responsibility, and are intrusted with interests, the management of which demands a high order of ability? Is it likely that such important trusts would be committed to persons who are incapacitated to make a contract?

Do not women buy and sell property? and can they do either without becoming a party to a contract? Have we ever heard of a contractor refusing to build a house for a woman because she was disqualified on account of her sex to make a contract which would be binding in a business transaction?

But the writer of the article elaborates, and states why the civil law disqualifies women from making contracts. He says, "She is not free in that respect like a man. Being classed with infants, insane persons, imbeciles and vassals, there is the 'actual or presumed want of mental capacity' to make a contract."

Well, if the law, which was framed by man, is so unjust as to place his mother, sister, wife and daughter in the same category with the insane, imbeciles and slaves, and, as a consequent of being so classed, they are considered mentally deficient (according to the interpretation given in the article), is it gallant to tell them so? Is it kind? Is it not, to say the least, a very humiliating condition? Is not such a classification a disgrace to our Christian civilization? and should not every true man see to it, that the great wrong be removed?

The article closes with the assertion: "If the time comes when women are accorded equal rights with men before the law, then the reason why a woman can not be a Mason will no longer exist, and her Eastern Star Lodges can be converted into full-fledged Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons."

I will not enter into a discussion of this point, but will close by asking, if in the event of women being "accorded equal rights with men before the law," would the Masonic Fraternity endorse the statement, made by the brother, that the reason why a woman can not be a Mason no longer exists? and would there be a possibility of their entertaining a proposition from him, under such changed conditions of law as he sets forth, to throw open their doors and admit candidates to membership, regardless of sex distinction? I trow not.

JUSTICE.

THE YEAR HAS DIED.

[Re-published by request.]

Day's light had faded and Night had spread her curtain
Round a sleeping world, when in the hush and still-
ness

Of the solemn midnight hour 'twas whispered low.
"The year has died."

The year has died! Another twelve-month gone
To swell the record of the past.
And yet, it seems but yesterday, when with glad tone
And hopeful heart we hailed its birth, and hand
Met hand in friendly clasp, and with united voice,
We bade each other: "Happy, happy New Year."

The year has died! Its parting breath brings to our
hearts

A touch of sadness. Its dying knell's a bridge,
Which spans the present, fleeting moment, and links
The past with the unfathomed future, and, as
With retrospective glance we view the scene of light
And shade, which marked its checkered course,
We stand in reverential awe upon the threshold
Of the untried future.

The year has died! How many happy hearts
That heralded its advent—whose hopes beat high
With inspiration from its dawning life, have
Perished ere its close, and mantled in
Its winding sheet, find sepulcher together.

The year has died! How has it touched our life?
What added to—what taken from it? Have joy
And gladness filled each passing hour? Have faith
And hope and love gained strength? Or has the gloomy
Veil of sorrow cast its shadow o'er us, and in the
Silence of the dying year, we mourn o'er broken faith,
And vanished hope, and love grown cold as chilled
By frosts autumnal.

The year has died! And in each dying year
We note the changes Time hath made.
Oh Thou, who changeth not! Thou rulest o'er
The changing years. A thousand years with Thee,
Are but as one. "Our times are in Thy hand."
Life's issues are with Thee, and Thou wilt guide the
Sons of men until the Angel shall declare that
"Time shall be no longer."

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For The Eastern Star.

HELP WANTED.

The next worse thing to being branded a
"real nice girl" is to have to travel through
life carrying a sort of intangible but appar-
ently visible label, which people gaze upon
and read aloud on all occasions—a "bright
girl," changed with time into an "intelligent
woman." I know all about it for I have long
been one of these victims of popular delusion.

While I was still very young I was discuss-
ing the subject of personal beauty with a
charming girl a few years my senior. With a
calm sort of superiority she remarked: "You
are not pretty, my child, but you have a very
intelligent face."

My heart sank within me with a foreboding
of future misunderstandings and I remember
my reply was: "So have some dogs and
horses."

I do not know when this pedestal began to
grow beneath me, nor what abortive monu-
ment fund gave it birth.

At three years of age I knew my letters,
and at five I spent my days swinging on our
front gate and spelling, to all passers-by, the
two most recent acquisitions to my ortho-
graphical vocabulary. They were "beautiful"

and "longue," I remember, but I have for-
gotten their connection.

Of course as I grew up I began to be called
conceited while the truth was, my life was
even then a constant protest against other
people's good opinion.

Perhaps as a freshman I did not so much
mind this seeming distinction, but it was a
real pain to me when, as a senior, our pro-
fessor in Moral Philosophy one day remark-
ed in class that he would give ten years of
his life for my memory. He was not sarcas-
tic and as he was not a young man, I con-
cluded he would prefer to subtract those ten
years from the time when his mustache was
naturally black.

Later on, in society, if a new man appeared
upon the scene he was always warned to fight
shy of me if he were not in training for more
intellectual warfare. Yet my soul sickens at
the recollections of all the nonsense I have
talked in order to clear my tarnished reputa-
tion.

Circumstances threw me in a loquacious
young medical man's way once, for a whole
afternoon. He told me all about his latest
cases while he threw around technical terms
in a reckless manner born of inexperience
and very recent cramming and quizzing. He
afterwards told a friend, with the same heed-
less expenditure of enthusiasm, that I was
the brightest woman he had ever met and
knew more medicine than any one outside of
the profession. Truth to tell, I had not com-
prehended even the drift of two-thirds of his
conversation, and had been unable to elicit
information, each anxious inquiry being met
with a reproachful look, and oftentimes a
verbal, "You can't fool me into being idiot
enough to explain what you know as well as
I do."

Kind, and unusually modest of the man,
but how I once more cursed my intelligent
look. It has done so much toward retarding
my education.

Here in Honduras I went to see an im-
mense crushing mill and I went in the bliss-
ful consciousness that I was perfectly ignor-
ant of the subject and would be able to get
all the knowledge I wanted.

I was at once seized upon by the superin-
tendent and, as luck would have it, we began
at the water-wheel.

It awoke old memories of Inackenhos ap-
parently, and I involuntarily murmured:
"Undershot, overshot, breast-wheel and tur-
binated." The little man at my side was de-
lighted and while he remarked that the one
before us was a Peyton wheel, or something
else I had never even heard of, he afterwards
said to other members of the party: "B' golly,
gentlemen, she's the only lady I ever saw
who knows all about water-wheels."

We continued our inspection of the mill,
but nothing could induce that admirer to be-
lieve I didn't thoroughly understand the pro-
cess of treating gold and silver ores. Conse-
quently, to this day I have a most confused
recollection of amalgamating pans, cold air
flues, ovens, dust flues, taps, tubs, water-

wheels, steps, platforms, dumps, faucets, boil-
ers, cylinders, crushers, stamps and noise.

It was just so when I visited my first silver
mine. The assayer learnedly discussed ores,
especially picking me out for his audience,
and my polite attention was misconstrued into
comprehension, while I ransacked my brains
for totally forgotten facts I had seen in Steel's
"Fourteen Weeks in Geology."

I went in raptures over shiny bits of stone
they did not consider worth treating, and I
turned up my nose at dull pieces of rock
which were pronounced unusually rich. It
made no difference—they all believed I could
give old miners points on mining and no one
listened to my assertions of utter ignorance.

I am getting to a stage of desperation and
the longing to meet some one who will esti-
mate my ability at its actual worth, has
grown to be the ruling passion of my life.

That is probably the reason why I am led
to write out an account of my woes, for a dis-
criminating editor will prove to be the oasis
in this dreary desert of over-valuation.

I have done all I could to kill the intelligent
look which has fostered so many mistakes,
but I am open to suggestions for more effect-
ual means.

Some one said a bang made one look idiotic
so I went to the hair-dresser and had one cut
and curled in the very latest, dizziest fashion.
Unfortunately this effect was somewhat coun-
teracted by the giving out of my eyes for
which an oculist prescribed glasses. While
I wear the thoughtful-looking spectacles in
the privacy of my own room, at other times
I indulge in the most frivolous kind of eye-
glasses compatible with hypermetropic as-
tigmatism. I even sport a dangling little
gold chain.

A friend writes me: "I think, dear, it is
time for you to evolve something with your
intellect and talents." The idea of having
intellect and talents doled out to one in this
way and then being told to "evolve some-
thing." I wish it might be a dose of unlim-
ited clear-sightedness for each and every one
of my deluded acquaintances.

I am so tired of it all! I am sick unto
death of being given a prominent seat in the
sewing society and told to say amusing things
to liven up the members. I never was guilty
of being really funny in my life and here my
unknown but soul-saving editor will bear wit-
ness to my veracity.

I turn faint when friends whom I have
hitherto thought possessed of their "seven
senses," say, "I enjoy your letters more than
I ever have the published correspondence of
really great people. What can I do to con-
vince people that I don't know anything?"
The change in belief, the corresponding de-
crease in expectation; the consequent death of
the desire to chronically trot me out and show
me off, would be a blessed comfort to one
whose highest ambition is to go quietly
through life extracting all the good she can
and leaving the world no worse for her hav-
ing lived in it.

"Why don't you write?" suggests not one,

but many—I tell them of my attempts and failures, and assure them that while accumulating manuscripts may be interesting, it is not my fad. But all to no purpose—they still believe in me.

I wish they had had to pay Honduras postage on these same failures. It would make them economical even of their advice and suggestions.

They call me strong-minded. I have the most violent kind of hysterics. They cite my will-power and firmness. I have been hypnotized and I can not always control my mule—another Honduras difficulty. In fact they never make a single flattering assertion that I can not contradict and yet no one believes me.

Even people who do not like me will call me intelligent—odious term.

"Get married," say others, but what man wants for a wife a woman who is suspected of wearing azure hose with ultra-marine streaks?

Are there any of my readers (if this ever gets beyond that one mysterious functionary of the editorial rooms) who can suggest a panacea for my ills?

I decline to be called intelligent; I am not bright, I doubt if I know all there is to know about any single thing under or over the sun; I do not want to "evolvesomething;" I have no inclination toward writing a three-volume novel; I have not yet reached a state of dissatisfaction with blessedly free spinsterhood. I am healthy and happy and want to be left alone to embrace such a career as nature intended for me. I do not yet know what it is for my aspiring and admiring friends will not give me a chance of finding out. I need a respite from conflicting suggestions.

I realize that this complaint is a somewhat novel one to make public. The partiality of others usually tends to heightens our belief in ourselves up to a certain point, beyond which we spend the rest of our lives in trying to make our disillusioned friends and acquaintances adopt our extreme views.

I have no such ambition and, in my despair, have issued this appeal for help, beseeching every one to look upon it as the genuine heart-groanings of an afflicted spirit and not an attempt to be funny.

I know I represent a large class who have hitherto suffered in silence for fear of the added glory of a reference to the something which is at last evolved.

ALMIRA S. COLE JONES.

A PLEASANT EVENING.

The Royal and Exalted degree of the Amaranth was conferred on the members of Queen Esther Chapter No. 5, and Bethlehem Chapter No. 6, O. E. S. (colored), at Prince Hall, Terre Haute. The hall was very tastefully decorated with flags, banners and heraldic designs. While each honored lady at their station was robed in the appropriate colors of the Order, and wore sashes of five colored ribbon, also each chair at the points

were neatly covered with the appropriate color. The E. G. M., Mrs. M. A. Meyzeek, Royal Matron; Bro. R. A. Brown, R. P., Mrs. M. E. Cruittup, Honored A. M.; Mrs. Ida E. Harris, Hon. Con.; Miss Emma White, Hon. A. Con.; Mrs. Docia Rochelle, Hon. Lady Truth; Mrs. Lizzie Walden, Hon. Lady Faith; Mrs. Emma Hall, Hon. Lady Wisdom; Mrs. A. R. Washington, Hon. Lady Charity; Mrs. S. E. Walkes, Hon. Herald; Mrs. Anna Sanders, Hon. Warder. Mrs. Lottie Miller presided at the organ and made the ceremony more impressively beautiful by the sweet music interspersed. After conferring the degrees a sumptuous banquet was served and all enjoyed the bountiful feast.

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member; a husband a faithful wife; the children a devoted mother. We extend the tenderest sympathy to the grief stricken family knowing that while they sorrow it is not without hope for,

"Some day, sometime, our eyes shall see
The faces kept in memory.
Some day their hands shall clasp our hand
Just over in the Morning Light.

G. M. C.

The Columbian entertainment given by Electa Chapter, Waltham, on the afternoon and evening of Dec. 8, proved a grand success, despite the storm that was raging outside, both in enjoyment and financially, netting for their treasury. An entertainment consisting of tableaux, singing, whistling and recitations, was very much enjoyed. Every inducement in trade was held up to draw the money from the pockets of the unvary, such as the domestic table, fancy, ice cream, chocolate and even the Peasant woman arrayed in "red, white and blue" was equally at home whistling, reciting or vending her goods. It proved an occasion long to be remembered with pleasure by the participants. Dec. 21 this chapter elected two candidates. Resolutions of sympathy were adopted on the death of Sister Edna J. Smith, who was a charter member of the Chapter, and a faithful and earnest laborer in its interests. She was the wife of Arthur P. Smith, P. P., who has the heartfelt sympathy of his many friends in this bereavement.

The seventh annual grand ball of Keystone Chapter, Boston, was held in Berkley Hall, Dec. 8, and, as on previous occasions, was largely attended and greatly enjoyed by all. At 8 o'clock the Grand March was led by Sister Ellen E. Mellen, W. M., escorted by the W. P., Bro. Wm. A. Blossom, to the music of Buffam's Orchestra, and from that time until two o'clock in the morning the floor was covered with merry dancers, excepting the short hour spent at the banquet, which was served by caterer, H. J. Seiler. Bro. Blossom, W. P., was Marshall, and was ably assisted by John Hicks. Bros. T. P. Higgins and J. H. Haskell and Sisters Hattie W. Brown, Jennie Hicks and A. M. Blossom were the aids. Sister C. K. Morse, P. M., and Bro. J. H. Morse constituted the reception committee, and made

all feel at home by the cordial reception extend to them. The arrangements for the ball were in the hands of a committee composed entirely of ladies. The Order of dances was a pretty souvenir of the occasion, which proved to be one long to be remembered with pleasure. R. E. L.

NEW MEXICO.

Ransford Chapter, Las Vegas, is in a very prosperous and harmonious condition. The election passed off very pleasantly. Mrs. Mattie Murray, W. M.; Bro. January, W. P.; Mrs. Cochran, A. C.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

There are fourteen Chapters in this jurisdiction and petitions for two more.

Ransford Chapter, Derry Depot, held a special meeting Dec. 16. The retiring W. M., Annie B. Shepherd, assisted by Nancy J. Moody, G. Mar., installed the officers. After the installation the chapter was at ease and enjoyed a musical and literary program. The new W. M. formally closed the chapter at eleven o'clock p. m. It has been a prosperous year for our chapter. We have held ten stated and seven special meetings, have initiated eight new members, and have a fair balance in our treasury. Peace and harmony prevail. Almira A. Crowell, W. M.; Chas. G. Kindall, W. P.; Freebie A. Burbank, A. M.; Annie B. Shepard, Sec., Nancy J. Moody, Con.; Emma J. Kimball, A. C. A. B. S.

NEW YORK.

Concordia Chapter, of New York, has a fund of \$1,600 in the treasury.

The Grand Matron and a party of twenty-five members are arranging to make an official visit to Utica Chapter Jan. 10, and Syracuse Chapter Jan. 11.

The election of Stella Chapter, Brooklyn, occurred on Dec. 17, with the following result: Mary Belle Ackerman, W. M.; Mary T. Sutton, A. M.; John C. Heineman, W. P.; Nettie Selva, Treas.; A. J. Burton, Sec.; Caroline Seelman, Con.; Elena C. Bennet, A. C.; Andrew Peck, Emily A. Gillon, and Olivia Nielsen, Trustees. The installation will occur on Jan. 7. The reports of the past year show a marked increase of funds, as well as gain in membership. The average attendance was 180 against seventy-one of the previous year. On Nov. 3, the chapter celebrated the twenty-first anniversary of the organization. Sister E. Burton, the first W. M., presided, and was the recipient of numerous gifts.

NEBRASKA.

Vashti Chapter, Fairbury, was recently organized by Addie Billings, G. M., assisted by four members from Hebron. It has a charter membership of forty-two. Mrs. J. P. Peterson, W. M.; John Gellatly, W. P.; Mrs. Dodge, A. M.; Miss Ada Morrison, Sec.

Mizpah Chapter, Ord., is almost nine months old, and has a membership of forty. Since its organization twelve have been initiated. Harmony prevails. We are using the Floral Work, and also have taken up a course of literature, with which we hope to keep up the interest. J. W. P.

The ladies of Crystal Chapter, Scotia, gave a Crazy Social on Thanksgiving evening. Owing to the inclement weather there were but few in attendance but the evening passed so pleasantly that the howling wind and storm were entirely forgotten until it became necessary to brave them once more to reach home. On the evening of the 16th inst., a Jingle Pop-corn social was given. Much amateur poetic talent was developed. In the conversational contest the prize offered for the best conversationalist among the gentlemen was awarded to Bro. Wright and that for the most intelligent listener among the ladies was won by Miss Mamie Buckley. On the evening of Dec. 2 the brethren of Crystal Lodge together with their wives and the members of Crystal Chapter took a moonlight ride in the country to the beautiful new home of Brother Locker and wife. Taken entirely unawares Bro. Locker surrendered at discretion and the fun raged fast and furious until the wee sma' hours, and was voted one of the most enjoyable gatherings of the season. E. E. W.

Tuscan Chapter, Kearney, Dec. 19, balloted on five petitions, and initiated two candidates. After which the Floral Addenda was rendered in a most impressive manner. The floral offerings made beautiful impressions on the candidates and they were much pleased with the lessons taught in the several degrees. The work was rendered without the use of the rituals for the first time. The officers acquitted themselves in a most pleasing manner, and by the work done showed they were actuated by that fervency and zeal, that should inspire all to do their work well. The choir also deserves praise and commendation for the excellent music furnished. All were highly pleased with the closing ode in the Floral work. In response to an invitation, we had with us fourteen members of Fidelity Chapter, Shelton, also Rev. Pinkham, G. C. of Minnesota and all were heartily welcomed. About sixty-five of our own members were present. The banquet room was beautifully decorated in a unique manner and perfumed with beautiful flowers of many colors, all of which should remind us of the many blessings, our Heavenly Father bestowed upon us, as we journey through the labyrinth of life. The menu was too elaborate to give description, here; suffice it to say that it was in keeping with the exquisite tastes of our most estimable sisters of this beloved Order. A social time was had, until a late hour, when the visitors were entertained at our homes until train time 9:30 a. m. All with one accord pronounced the meeting a complete success. M. E. H.

OREGON.

The public installation and banquet given by Myrtle Chapter, Portland, on Dec. 9, was the finest entertainment of the kind ever given in this city. After the regular routine of business had been transacted, the following officers were publicly installed: Margaret Kellogg, W. M.; Dr. Henry Hicks, W. P.;

Emily McLean, A. M.; Julia Pentz, Treas.; Inez Marshall, Sec.; Lizzie Bailey, Con.; Stella Kellogg, A. C. Mrs. Margaret Lutke, P. M., was the installing officer, and the manner in which the beautiful service was conducted, reflected much credit upon the lady as an officer. One of the most impressive parts of the ceremony was the formation of our Star over the altar with natural flowers, by Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha and Electa, robed in their emblematic colors. At the close of the installation, the audience was eloquently addressed by Mrs. M. E. Kellogg, W. M., which was responded to, in a very graceful manner, by Mrs. M. Lutke, P. M. Also fine speeches were heard from Dr. Henry Hicks, W. P., and Judge J. B. Cleland, which were well received. After which, led by the newly installed officers, all repaired to the banquet-hall, where an elegant supper had been prepared.

OHIO.

Trinity Chapter, Lima, was instituted Dec. 7, by W. H. Osborn, G. P., and Linda J. Lowry, A. G. M., with the entire staff of officers of Ada Chapter, and many visitors, twenty-six in all. After the petitioners were obligated, the W. M. and W. P. elect were initiated in due form, after which the entire work was rendered by Ada Chapter with Linda J. Lowry, as W. M.; B. S. Young, P. P., declining to preside, deferring the honor to Bro. Osborn, G. P. Fine selections of music was rendered, led by Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Wagner and Mrs. Dr. Ames. After the work an elaborate banquet was served, which all enjoyed. All left by the early train. The new chapter is in charge of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Lown, as W. M. and W. P.; Mrs. W. H. Roush, as Sec., with twenty-three charter members.

Ada Chapter, Ada, is just closing her third year, and the last meeting was one of more than usual interest. It was the pleasure of Linda J. Lowry, W. M., who has served the chapter since its organization as W. M., to receive into the Order her only sister, living at Forest, Ohio, and who, ere this is read, will be looking for members of the Eastern Star among the strangers where she and her husband have gone to spend the winter with their son and daughter in Newark, New Jersey. When new business was called for Sister Emma Young came forward and presented to the chapter a fine large photograph of Sister Nettie Ransford. This came framed in white and gold ready to hang. It was with sincere pleasure that the W. M. received this token of remembrance, having met Sister Ransford at the G. C. at Cleveland, and was installed by her as G. Con. After some remarks and mention of the prominence of the sister, it was received with applause, and ordered hung in the East, and a vote of thanks was ordered sent to the donor. I should add that this photo was sent in response to a request as a premium for a club of subscribers to THE EASTERN STAR. Sister Young, who is quite skilled with the brush, expected to enlarge it, but that is already done, and we hope it may lead to many names being added

to her list. This was also the meeting for election of officers as follows: Emma Young, W. M.; B. S. Wagner, W. P.; Cora Welch, A. M.; Dora Bauman, Treas.; Carrie Ames, Sec.; Sallie Watt, Con.; Lizzie Myers, A. C. This is the first real change since its organization, and we look forward to the new administration with high hopes for grand results, and trust that all will feel like putting forth new energies, as our Ohio Masonic Home is assured, and there is plenty of work for us all to do. O. E. S.

TEXAS.

Cedar Bayou Chapter is a live Chapter and the Order is popular here. At its last meeting two were initiated, one of whom had just reached the proper age. Having nearly exhausted the available material we will turn our attention to perfecting ourselves in other work of the Order and cultivate the principles of the Order. B.

Mart Chapter was organized Sep., 1890, and it has a band of enthusiastic workers. The attendance is good, although many of the members live several miles away. The chapter has been represented at the G. C. each year since it was organized. August '92 the following officers were elected: Sister R. M. Swann, W. M.; B. F. Corning, W. P.; Sister E. C. Carpenter, A. M. Ten new members have been initiated since the election.

A chapter of the beautiful Order of the Eastern Star, was organized under dispensation at the Masonic Hall in Beaumont, Dec. 2, by the D. D. G. M. and G. Lec., Mary J. Scott Underhill, of Houston, assisted by W. S. Hoskins, and other prominent Masons of Beaumont Lodge. The ceremonies were impressive. Mrs. Underhill seemed deeply imbued with the spirit of her work, which she certainly understands thoroughly. The following officers were installed in Olive Chapter for the ensuing year: Mrs. W. S. Hoskins, W. M.; J. A. Dozier, W. P.; Julia Bacon, A. M.; W. S. Hoskins, Sec.; Dr. C. Y. Thompson, Treas.; Mrs. W. Hecht, Con.; Katie Rogers, A. C. The officers and members of the new chapter are earnest and enthusiastic. We prophecy for Beaumont one of the best chapters in the State. May much good be done, and many live to call Olive Chapter blest, is that wish of M. J. S. U.

WASHINGTON.

A joint installation of Lorraine Chapter and Seattle Chapter No. 2, R. A. M., of Seattle was held Dec. 21. Mrs. G. M. Godfrey, W. M.; Chas. E. Patton, W. P.; Mrs. C. D. Kruger, A. M.; Mrs. W. H. Ellis, Treas.; Mrs. A. A. Allet, Sec.; Mrs. F. N. Wilcox, Con.; Mrs. L. W. Barney, A. C.

WISCONSIN.

Orient Chapter, Mazomanie, renewed work early in the autumn, after a rest through the summer months, since then have conferred the degrees upon several candidates. At our last meeting two more links were added to our chain. Blanche Smith then rendered the recitation "Our Vows" most beautifully, after which refreshments of cake and fruit were served and a very social evening was spent. Last June we had the pleasure of a visit from Sister Annie Phillips, G. C., from Mineral Point Chapter. S. C. S.

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To each and all a "Happy New Year,"
With health of body and much good cheer,
Prosperity's smile to gild your way,
Friends many and true, as day by day
You traverse life's varied labyrinth.

Will the subscribers please notify us
promptly when the paper fails to reach them,
that we may ascertain the cause of its failure
to do so, and supply the missing number.

One of the inheritances of the flesh is to
see the mote in a brother's eye and fail to
discover the beam in his own eye, but the
fruit of the spirit is love, joy and peace.

Sister Eva M. Hollinger, Grand Matron,
made THE EASTERN STAR office a pleasant call
while on her way to and from an official visit
to Lebanon. She is always a welcome visitor.

THE EASTERN STAR takes pleasure in pre-
sents to its readers the Most Worthy Grand
Matron, Sister Mary C. Snedden, one in every
way worthy and capable of the honored posi-
tion she holds.

A little friend, little June, whose Sunday-
school teacher was telling the Christmas
story and mentioned the Star of Bethlehem,
the Eastern Star, very promptly replied that

she knew the lady that made THE EASTERN
STAR.

Brother James E. McGrew and Sister Olive,
Grand Associate Conductress, have changed
their residence from Milroy to West Indiana-
polis, and their Chapter membership is now
with Queen Esther Chapter. Milroy Chap-
ter loses two very earnest, efficient workers
but Queen Esther gains two and bids them a
hearty welcome among us.

One of the unique favors used at a social
given by Meridian Chapter, Meriden, Con-
necticut, is a pair of miniature scissors from
which is suspended a tiny thimble and five
plush stars of the emblematic colors. I am
indebted to Sister Coe for this remembrance,
who will please accept gracious thanks for
this added kindness.

One of the gifts that the Christmas-tide
brought was a beautiful landscape scene,
painted in oil, the work and gift of Miss Cora
Barrows, the young daughter of Past Patron
and Sister Barrows, of Queen Esther Chapter.
It is a beautiful gift, and far more highly ap-
preciated than the recipient can express in
words. There can be nothing more beautiful
in a young life, than kindly remembrance of
those who have passed life's noonday.

Miss Almira Cole whose contributions have
appeared in THE EASTERN STAR and who gives
in another column her appeal as "Help
Wanted," has relinquished the delights of
single blessedness for the matrimonial joys.
On the evening of October 21, 1892, she be-
came Mrs. Philip Mills Jones and for the
present at least will continue in Honduras.
THE EASTERN STAR, its many readers, and in-
dividual friends of Mrs. Jones, wish the
"happy" couple many years and much happi-
ness.

Be it known to the readers of THE EASTERN
STAR and whomsoever else it may concern,
that I am now prepared to furnish chapter
blanks, print By-Laws, cards and anything
necessary for chapter use, as also to furnish
all chapter supplies of whatever nature. I
trust that my sisters of the Order will favor
me with a share of their patronage and I as-
sure them that I will endeavor to fill all orders
with promptness and satisfaction. It is a sis-
ters effort, and should receive the recognition
and patronage of the sisterhood.

NETTIE RANSFORD.

An invitation for the "Annual Ball" of Key-
stone Chapter, Boston, Massachusetts for
December 8, the compliments of the Worthy
Patron, Brother William A. Blossom was re-
ceived, but the distance prevented attend-
ance. Accept thanks Bro. Blossom and some
future time it may be possible to join in the
"merry dance." Memory often serves a pleas-
ant glimpse of Keystone's reception and din-
ner, tendered Sisters Pitkin and Ransford

while sojourning in Keystone's home city.
And the gala day at Gloucester with the sis-
ters and brothers of the Old Bay State will
ever serve one of the brightest pictures upon
which memory loves to dwell.

The Day of Days—The day of gift-making
and remembrance has come and gone, but it
left many tokens of love from friends near
and far, whose thoughtfulness will brighten
days that might otherwise be dreary—'Tis the
thought that gives value to the gift. Remem-
brances came from the ice-bound East, the
Pacific slope, the frozen North, and the sunny
South—from over the Rockies in Montana
and the friends near and dear.

Let others boast of wealth and gold,
Of acres broad, and fame,
I've none of these, but glad am I,
That health and friends remain.

The Subordinate Chapters throughout the
jurisdiction have elected who shall serve
them for the ensuing year. The obligation
of office has been assumed by those chosen
and no objection offered to their installation.
Since to each officer must have been given a
majority of all the votes cast they have a
right to expect a generous support in the dis-
charge of the duties assigned them. Faith-
ful, efficient floor members are as essential to
a successful harmonious Chapter, as faithful
efficient officers. Many members seem to
think that upon the officers rest all the re-
sponsibility, and that if they attend at their
convenience or pleasure nothing more is re-
quired of them. Every member is an impor-
tant factor in promulgating the principles of
brotherly love, relief and truth, and no one is
excused from the performance of acts of
kindness and forbearance one toward another.
Let these facts be recognized and with the be-
ginning of this new year put into practice
this rule: For the officers—that the evenings
of the stated meeting be set aside and no
other engagement be allowed to encroach
upon them. That the first meeting shall
find them with work memorized and rendered
in an audible voice, and a manner which shall
impress the listeners that not the lip alone,
but the heart is engaged in the service; that
they will be at the chapter-room and ready
for work at the hour for opening; That inas-
much as the Chapter has honored them with
its preference in the especial places, they
will show their appreciation by a willing, in-
telligent service that shall convey no tinge of
half-heartedness. For the members—that
they each and every one, also reserve the
evening of the Chapter-meetings as already
engaged, and that the time for opening finds
them at the Chapter-room. That they come
prepared if called upon to serve in case of the
absence of the officer in any position, and
that instead of the too often heard—"please
excuse me"—the response be a ready accept-
ance. That to the ritual work and the busi-
ness they give their earnest attention, for what-
ever is of sufficient importance to bring be-

fore the Chapter should receive their respectful hearing. Do not think that upon the committee on sickness devolves alone the duty of visiting the sick, nor upon the Worthy Matron and Associate rests the social calls upon the new members and the stranger. While they should lead in these matters every one should be a willing follower. For every one in this band of workers there is a place and as the obligation is individually assumed so upon each rests a responsibility.

IN MEMORIAM.

"One by one each link shall fall away." and on November 30, 1892, another link was severed from the earthly chain to lengthen the band that has "passed through the valley of the shadow of death" into eternity.

In Stourport, England, on December 28, 1828, Edward Meridith was born and on March 31, 1850, he was married.

In early manhood with his family he sought a home in the new world and lived two years in the State of New York, and two years in Massachusetts, from where he enlisted during the civil war, serving one year in the first Massachusetts cavalry. After his discharge he came to this city where he has ever since resided. Five children came into the household but two were early called home, and a daughter—Clara—in early womanhood, not two years since journeyed to the country where sorrow and sighing is unknown. Two children, a daughter and son, are left here to be a stay and comfort to the mother as she nears the sunset of life.

Brother Meridith was a lover of music and contributed both vocal and instrumental. He was of a genial, companionable nature and was a Mason, Odd Fellow, a member of the Saw-Makers' Union, and of the Grand Army of the Republic. Also a member of our Order. The several societies were largely represented at his funeral and the floral tributes were beautiful. 'Tis yet a little while until these severed links shall be re-united in that fair city where death comes not.

LETTER FROM THE GRAND MATRON.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 24, 1892.
TO THE SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF INDIANA.

Dear Sister Ransford—By special invitation I visited Lebanon Chapter Dec. 13 to witness the work and install their officers. They have a very flourishing chapter, composed of energetic, wide-awake workers.

They exemplified the work in the afternoon and notwithstanding the very stormy weather, the attendance was quite large. They do their work in a very praiseworthy manner, and there is no doubt of their success.

In the evening there was a public installation, the hall was filled with members and their friends and everything passed off very pleasantly. Elegant refreshments were served and the time sped only too fast, in social conversation, literary exercises and music. I

was cordially entertained by Bro. and Sister Reinhart.

December 17 I had the pleasure of visiting Tuscan Chapter, St. Louis, Mo., and witnessing their installation ceremonies. They have quite a pretty hall and it was beautifully decorated in honor of the occasion. The officers were installed by Bro. Benj. Lynds, P. M. W. G. P., in a very excellent manner, being done without the aid of the ritual. The officers were attired in velvet robes and wearing white kid gloves. After the installation, the retiring Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron were presented with appropriate jewels. Refreshments were served, and altogether it was a pleasant evening, well spent. I also had the great pleasure of visiting the Widows and Orphans' Home; or rather the Masonic Home of Missouri, in company with Sister Mary A. Snedden, M. W. G. M. There is at present seventy-five inmates, each and every one looking happy, and feeling perfectly at home, and I don't see how they could feel otherwise, after seeing the many comforts provided for their welfare. Missouri may well feel proud of the manner in which indigent Masons widows and orphans are cared for. I only wish every Mason in Indiana could visit this Home; and the time would not be far distant when we could have a similar institution.

It seems to me that every Mason should familiarize himself with this, the grandest of Masonic Charities, and agitate the subject in such a forcible manner, that opposition to the cause would cease to exist. Sisters and Brothers, the harvest is ripe, now is the time to act, all we need is "workers."

Trusting you may respond in some way to the call and wishing you all a Happy New Year.

Fraternally yours.

EVA M. HOLLINGER.

For The Eastern Star.

PICKED UP BY THE WAYSIDE.

Now that a new year has dawned, it is the time for good resolutions and

"Suppose we think little about number one;
Suppose we all help some one else to have fun,
Suppose we ne'er speak of the faults of a friend,
Suppose we are ready our own to amend;
Suppose we laugh with, and not at, other folk,
And never hurt any one, "just for the joke";
Suppose we hide trouble and show only cheer—
How sure we shall be of a Happy New Year!"

Some people suppose that rosewood takes its name from its color, but that is a mistake. Rosewood is not red or yellow, but almost black. Its name comes from the fact that, when first cut, it exhales a perfume similar to that of a rose; and, although the dried rosewood of commerce retains no trace of this perfume, the name lingers as a relic of the early history of the wood.

Tortoise shell, as it comes to market from the West Indies, is coarse, dirty and lusterless, and only the most skillful and patient manipulation makes it the rich and beautiful material it eventually becomes. Ostrich

plumes, as they arrive in this market, look like bedraggled turkey feathers, and they pass through a score of hands before they become the fluffy and graceful adjunct to feminine attire.

Isn't it always interesting, this discussion as to men and women, and how they differ. Charles Dudley Warner says of novelists "that men know more than they tell while women tell more than they know." In real life however neither tell all they know and the difference shows in what they keep. A woman tells the thing that is not vital. She will tell some one almost every detail of her daily life, but let her have a heart story, and she not only keeps it locked in, but she lives as if it had no existence. A man scorns to relieve his mind of little worries by asking for sympathy. Let the great secret come into his life and he must tell it to some one.

What comforts are to be provided for us mortals at our coming Columbian Exposition. The American is a creature of comfort and the more we demand the more we seem to get. Some thoughtful and skilled electrician has invented an invalid's chair which will do away with the necessity of walking. This is an electric tricycle, with a chair-frame, under which is suspended a storage battery, which transmits power to the wheels. A small front wheel, governed by a lever, furnishes the guiding power, and to operate the machine it is only necessary to take the lever-handle. The battery is warranted to last fourteen hours, and the machines, rendered necessary by the exclusion of carriages from the grounds, will be rented by the hour, the exposition sharing in the profits.

Here is a classification of the genus fools, of which there are said to be so many different kinds: There is the intellectual fool, who makes you take knowledge as if it were a dose of castor oil until you wish the alphabet had never been invented. There is the aggressive fool, who walks around with a chip on the shoulder, boiling for a fight. There is the athletic fool, who thinks the country will be saved by a foot-ball and cricket. There is the political fool, who has just comprehended that the people of the United States will do what they feel like without consulting him. There is the vain fool, who believes that because she looks pretty everybody else ought to be happy. There is the professional fool, who believes that outside of the law, medicine, or the church there are no gentlemen. There is the fool with the fad, who is convinced that the only true enjoyment is gotten in a way directed by him. There is the rich fool, who overrates the value of money and who thinks it can buy wisdom. Then there is the all-round fool, for whom we all have a sort of affection because he is so ready to coincide with our own weaknesses. Every blessed one of us, you know, is a bit of a fool. We would be horrible bores if we weren't.

LILLIAN.

GLEANINGS.

CALIFORNIA.

Thanksgiving night was made memorable by Oakleaf Chapter, Oakland, by a meeting for installation of officers to which the families were invited. About 160 responded to the invitation. The retiring Worthy Patron, Bro. Dalton, installed the officers with the retiring Worthy Matron, Sister Craig, as Marshal. On behalf of the chapter Sister Partidge, R. W. A. G. M., presented Sister Craig with an elegant Past Matron's jewel and on behalf of his associate officer Bro. Dalton was presented with a beautiful album by P. G. P., Bro. Button. The chapter is in a very prosperous condition with a cash balance of \$2,300 and a membership of 280. Several petitions await action. Sister J. Patterson, W. M.; Bro. Rowe, W. P.; Lena Hamilton, A. M.; C. C. N. Walter, Sec.; Cynthia Clark, Treas.; Sister Merritt, Con.; Sister Dunbar, A. C.

On Nov. 25 Ungava Chapter was honored by a visit from Georgia A. Matfield, W. G. M. This was a special meeting called for the purpose of conferring the degrees upon three candidates, and for the installation of officers for the ensuing year. The initiatory work was rendered to the entire satisfaction of the W. G. M., and the words of commendation and praise from her were highly valued and the suggestions appreciated, and by them we hope to gain strength and knowledge for our work. After the initiation, the W. G. M., with Jennie G. Way, as G. Mar., installed officers for the new year as follows: Louise E. Allen, W. M.; Reuben Harpham, W. P.; Clara M. Reith, A. M.; Mary Papineau, Con.; Ida Geoble, A. Cond.; Alysza Rouse, Treas.; Etta W. Cundiff, Sec. Following these services, the G. M. delivered an eloquent and inspiring address, dwelling upon the beautiful benefits of the Order, and the duties devolving upon the sisters as members of an important branch of the great fraternity of Masons. She was followed by Lida L. Martin, P. M., who spoke of the high honor bestowed upon Ungava Chapter by the appointment of Louise E. Allen, W. M., as D. G. M. for the 10th Dist., and in acknowledgement presented the G. M. with a beautiful basket of white chrysanthemums. At the close of the exercises Past Patron Keith led the procession to the banquet-hall, where the committee in charge had spread as fine and elegant a banquet as an epicure could wish. This was greatly enjoyed, and during its progress many short speeches were made by the brothers present. The occasion was delightful in every respect, and will awaken an increased interest in the society. The decorations of the hall were beautiful and lavish, and displayed the good taste of the ladies who had that in charge.

COLORADO.

Garden City Chapter, Greeley, has resumed its meeting after the summer vacation. One petition was received at the last meeting.

The attendance has been interfered with by sickness among the members but the new year will bring added zeal and it is to be hoped attendance as well.

Radiant Chapter, U. D., Denver, at the last regular meeting initiated ten candidates, elected to receive the degrees fourteen, and received about ten petitions, thus you see Denver's second star family is coming to the front rapidly, and Queen City, will have to look to its laurels if it would keep up with the procession. The Worthy Matron of Radiant Chapter is Sister Catharine J. Wright, wife of Bro. Wm. D. Wright, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Colorado, and they are right all the time.

Queen City Chapter, Denver, on Dec. 15 elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. Rachel Lambert, W. M.; Bro. Frank C. Wheeler, W. P.; Miss Jennie P. Dawson, A. M.; Mrs. Sarah Colvert, Sec.; Mrs. Lucy Scott, Treas.; Mrs. Ella Hall, Con.; Mrs. H. G. Atwood, A. C. With two chapters now in Denver it is sincerely hoped the Order of the Eastern Star will outshine in brilliancy the late comet, which came so near and yet so far of accomplishing wonderful results.

H. A. B.

Ramona Chapter, Colorado Springs, elected the following officers at the last stated meeting: Mrs. Emily Lawton, W. M.; W. H. Reed, W. P.; Mrs. May S. Eaton, A. M.; Miss Mary Hughes, Sec.; Mrs. Hattie L. Nichols, Treas.; Mrs. Nannie L. Smith, Con.; Mrs. Ida Rice, A. C. Our chapter has done a good work during the past year, gained forty-six members making a total membership of seventy-four, with three candidates elected and several petitions pending. We have much to thank our good brothers for. They not only give us the use of their hall with heat and lights, but attend chapter meetings, assisting us to do our work well, and with only one or two exceptions, are willing the sisters should manage all chapter affairs. We are in favor of brothers having every honor that we can confer, and their share in the offices, but think the sisters should be allowed to manage the affairs, as many would never have the opportunity, if it were not for the chapter. It was designed to benefit woman, and it is our opinion she should receive all the benefits, even to that of learning how to conduct all matters of business pertaining to the Chapter.

By special invitation we attended Queen Chapter Boulder, Dec. 8, it being their election night the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Jennie Safely, W. M.; Bro. Samuel Border, W. P. (re-elected); Mrs. Anna Nicholson, A. M.; Mrs. Lillian Vinton, Sec., (re-elected); Mrs. Myra Bromley, Treas., (re-elected); Mrs. Miranda Malden, Con.; Mrs. Mary Bressnahan, A. C. There being no further business the chapter closed and the Floral work was exemplified by the Chapter in a most delightful manner without the use of rituals. To Mrs. Boomer of Peoria, Ill., who has recently located at Bowl-

der, is due the condition in a great measure of instructing the members in the Floral work, and much praise was justly given Sisters McCall and Perrin, for the very impressive and artistic rendering of "Ruth and Naomi." When Queen Esther Chapter takes upon themselves any task, they get there in first class style every time. And, oh, how much they did want to re-elect Sister North as W. M. whom they all love to honor for her many noble qualities of heart and mind, but her health, and manifold duties at home, and in other organizations, made it imperative for her to decline a re-election. After the entertainment, refreshments were served by the sisters and a very enjoyable social hour spent; it was near low meridian when the electric lights were shunted. H. A. B.

ILLINOIS.

Godfrey Weitzel Corps, W. R. C., Chicago, held a very successful and pleasant Fair the first of last month. It is the Corps to which Sister Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec., belongs and the senior member of this firm was her guest for supper on the evening of the first day of the fair.

Siloam Chapter, Chicago, has just provided itself with plush spreads of the appropriate colors for the stands at the points of the star and new Gems of Songs. The chapter is prosperous and at its meeting of Nov. 8, received one petitioner by initiation and two by affiliation, also two petitions were presented.

Elgin Chapter, is receiving petitions and candidates every evening. A series of socials have been adopted and the Chapter is alphabetically divided into sections. The first section, from A and including F, served Nov. 12 and was very enjoyable. A short literary and musical program was rendered, an original poem and a cake walk being especially attractive; also the sale of ladies shoes created much amusement; refreshments were served and throughout it was very pleasant. Dec. — the section from G to K served and it was equally successful. A spelling school was indulged in, in good old-fashioned style. Much merriment was afforded by the choosing of sides. The prize was won by Sister Ettie Yong. Refreshments were served. Nov. 3 the chapter was delightfully entertained by Henrietta Chapter, of Turner, and Nov. 10 by Golden Rod Chapter of Chicago. On each occasion the Floral work was exemplified greatly to the gratification of the visitors. At Golden Rod the flowers used were presented to Sister Lowrie, W. M. of Elgin Chapter and by her used upon the altar at the social of the first section.

IOWA.

Clinton Chapter held two very interesting meetings recently, one to exemplify the work for a sister chapter which came over from Prophetstown, Ill., and a special December 1, for work. The officers were proficient in the work.

R. S. R.

December 16, Eddyville Chapter, was visited by the Grand Matron. This is a No. 1 Chapter. Bright officers, work memorized, rituals

abandoned, it is a pleasure to witness the initiation ceremonies as rendered by them. Mrs. Belle Y. Fais, W. M.; F. M. Epperson, W. P.; F. W. Fais, Sec.

December 13, Carmel Chapter, Unionville, was organized by the Grand Matron, with the full number of members allowed by the Grand Chapter (thirty); though Unionville is only a small place, the material from which the officers and members of Carmel Chapter are composed is second to none, the officers being particularly bright. The second evening a large delegation came down from Moravia Chapter in sleighs, and a very happy evening was spent. Mrs. Mattie Hicks, W. M.; B. F. Boyles, W. P.; Mrs. Maggie Dean, A. M.; Mrs. M. L. Greenleaf, Sec.

November 21, Julien Chapter, Dubuque, was instituted by Grand Matron Jackson, assisted by A. G. M., Carhart, and Sister Walker, P. G. M. of Illinois, with a charter membership of thirty. A much larger number would have signed the petition for a Dispensation had not the number been limited in Iowa. Julien Chapter starts out with very fine prospects; nice halls, talented officers and zealous members all promise a No. 1 chapter in the near future: Mrs. M. J. Cahalan, W. M.; Dr. W. Allen, W. P.; Mrs. Matilda J. Howie, A. M.; Dr. Elva Coulter, Sec.

December 20, Emerson Chapter, Emerson, held joint installation with the Masonic Lodge. Grand Matron Jackson installed the officers of the chapter, Past Grand Patron Jackson acting as Grand Marshall. The ceremonies being followed by a banquet in the new dining-room adjoining. Emerson Chapter is one of the most successful in the state, having a first-class corps of officers, and a most enthusiastic, W. M., who with her husband never tire in their work for the Order, eight members of the Chapter being furnished from their family. Mrs. Sibyl Tubbs, W. M.; B. P. Griffith, W. P.; Mrs. Ida B. Griffiths, Sec.

December 15, the Grand Matron visited Grand Hope Chapter, Eldon; the hall being otherwise occupied in the evening, the meeting was held in the afternoon, and as is always the case with an afternoon session was not quite so well attended as it would have been in the evening, especially by the brothers, but a very pleasant gathering was present, and the work exemplified; if Grand Hope Chapter would follow the example of the efficient W. M. in abandoning the ritual they could do first class work. A very enjoyable time was spent by the members in the evening at the home of the W. M. Mrs. Bessie Sewall, W. M.; J. C. Hummel, W. P.; Mrs. Grace Vass, Sec.

INDIANA.

Noble Chapter, Kendallville, was organized last June and is growing rapidly. At the last stated meeting seven petitions were balloted on with a favorable result.

Mississinewa Chapter, Marion, entertained the Jonesboro Chapter, Dec. 5, at a banquet social, and an exemplification of the Floral

Work. About seventy-five were present including the invited guests. S. J. W.

Warsaw Chapter elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. Jennie Webber, W. M.; W. M. Conrad, W. P.; Mrs. Jennie Jones, A. M.; Miss Regina Bitner, Sec.; Mrs. Edith Webb, Con.; Mrs. Cora Chipman, A. C.

Terre Haute Chapter gave an entertainment Dec. 7, for the benefit of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home—prospective—which was as is all undertaken by the chapter, a success.

The white-winged messenger has entered Windfall Chapter and the golden chain is broken. Brother William Clapsudle has joined the loved ones gone before. The earnest and loving sympathy is tendered the widow and children and to His loving care we commend them.

Athens Chapter, Crawfordsville, held its annual election Dec. 15 as follows: Louise D. Layne, W. M.; Francis A. Truitt, W. P.; Jeanette Wright, A. M. We are still harmonious and prosperous, and rituals have long since been banished from the chapter-room. E. J. M.

Forest Chapter, Butler, held its election Dec. 13, and initiated one candidate. The meeting was well attended and pleasant. The officers were installed Dec. 27. During the year considerable charitable work was done and robes were purchased and the Chapter assisted in the payment of putting in electric lights in the hall. The officers are: Carrie M. Fanning, W. M.; Ira Kinney, W. P.; Nattie Downey, A. M.; May Myers, Sec.; Alice Rowe, Treas.; May Bruce, Con.; Lizzie Stafford, A. C.

Hope Chapter, Lafayette, held a fair in the early part of November and served meals for two days. The result was beyond the expectation enabling them to complete the payment for an organ, purchased last spring, leaving a balance for the treasury; consequently Hope feels jubilant. December 19 was election night with the following result. Lulu Davis, W. M.; Schuyler Marks, W. P.; Toni Kimmel, A. M.; Lida Selsby, Sec.; Mary A. Comstock, Treas.; Laura Breckenridge, Con.; Elizabeth Wishart, A. C.

A chapter was recently organized at Oxford and is called Oak Grove Chapter. John Sappington, W. P. of Beulah Chapter, Otterbein, was D. G. P., and he was accompanied by a large representation from that chapter whose officers assisted in the organization. The work was well rendered, each officer fully appreciating the importance of "first impressions." There were thirty-three petitioners and the new chapter starts out with every prospect of success. The work is in charge of Mrs. H. C. McConnell, W. M.; M. F. Orear, Mrs. A. D. Sleeper, A. M.; Mrs. James Petrey, Sec.

Attica Chapter was organized Dec. 2, Geo. Graham, W. P. of Athens Chapter, Crawfordsville as D. G. P. He was accompanied

and assisted by a number of the members of Athens Chapter, who were met at the depot by a committee of brothers, and during their stay they were royally entertained. There were also members of Clinton and Beulah Chapters present and participated in the organization. There were nineteen charter members. Great interest was shown by all, and a strong chapter may be expected at Attica. Lena Myers W. M.; Lee Arbogast, W. P.; Lucy Beanen, A. M. E. J. M.

Queen Esther Chapter at its stated meeting held Dec. 2 initiated four candidates, three of whom were of the Chapter family—the youngest son of the W. P. and Electa, Will C. Rice; the eldest son of the G. Sec. and P. M., Elmer A. Smythe and the daughter of one of Queen Esther's early members, Jeanette McCord. It was a real pleasure to see the children seeking the light of the Eastern Star and may others do likewise. At the last stated meeting Dec. 16 three petitions for affiliation were received and the following officers elected: Effie B. Kennington, W. M.; Martin H. Rice, W. P.; Nathalie Connelly, A. M.; Nettie Ransford, Sec.; Ella Barrows, Treas.; Adel Hayes, Con.; Kate DaShiel, A. C. The installation will be held Jan. 6, and the G. M. is invited to install the officers.

Beulah Chapter, Otterbein, has again been called to part with a faithful and devoted member. In the early morning of Nov. 10, the pure spirit of Sister Ollie Moore took its flight. She was one of the charter members of this chapter, and well and faithful did she serve as Adah from its organization. We shall sorely miss the bright link from our golden chain. Hers was a sweet and noble nature, whose influence was always for good, and her virtues such as we should strive to emulate. She was loved by all, not only for her interest in the Order, but also for her excellent and noble traits of character. Therefore while we mourn, let it not be as those without hope, but let us share with her the trustful faith of Martha.

Terre Haute Chapter had about seventy-five present on election night and the meeting was very pleasant; one candidate was initiated, "the charming mother of our genial brother F. P. Sargent. It has a membership of 203; two have been claimed by death during the year. Seventeen have been added and several petitions are pending. Sister Merry who has served eleven years as Treas. was re-elected but owing to illness in her family felt obliged to decline. Also the efficient Sec., who has served so long, Sister Sallie Allen was re-elected. The officers are: Miss Mollie Mahan, W. M.; C. T. Forristall, W. P.; Mrs. Sarah Gardiner, A. M.; Miss Sallie Allen, Sec.; Mrs. Helen L. Reynolds, Treas.; Miss Mary O'Mara, Con.; Miss Hattie Adams, A. C.

The Angel of Death has entered Auburn Chapter and severed a link from our golden chain, by the removal of Sister Martha Jones, who died October 8, 1892, aged fifty-two. In losing her our chapter has lost one of

most earnest and faithful members. How well she loved the Order was manifested in the faithful manner in which she fulfilled the duties of her office as Worthy Matron; always present at our meetings, doing her part willingly and promptly. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved son and sisters of our deceased sister, in their hours of great sorrow. While we may not be able to lift the great cloud or lighten the burden for our afflicted friends, we extend to them in their loneliness our sympathy, not forgetting to assure them beyond the valley of the shadow of death there is a reunion that is never again broken and that knows neither sorrow nor pain. Com.

KANSAS.

The newly elected officers of Liberal Chapter, are as follows: Mrs. Irene Ellison, W. M.; W. T. Gibson, W. P.; Mrs. B. E. Hood, A. M. G. D. Smith, Sec.; Mrs. M. E. Dubois, Treas.; Mrs. Lucy DeVoss, Cond.; Mrs. Clara Guymon, A. Cond. M. E. H.

A Chapter of Sorrow was held by Queen Bess Chapter, Eureka, in memory of the deceased member to which the relatives of the deceased member were invited. There were over a hundred in attendance and the ceremony was impressively rendered, an appropriate program following.

The Masons of South Haven Lodge are building a new hall which is about completed and will soon be dedicated. On Thanksgiving day the wives gave a dinner—the proceeds, about forty dollars, will be used toward the furnishing. At the last stated meeting of the chapter two petitions were received.

Mendias Chapter, Kansas City, held its election Dec. 13 and the officers were publically installed Dec. 27. Mrs. Kate B. Thomas, W. M.; N. J. Saunders, W. P.; Mrs. L. P. Thompson, A. M.; Mrs. Anna McGonigal, Con.; Miss Nellie Sharpe, A. Con.; Mrs. Avis E. Bishop, Treas.; Elida L. Chadborn, Sec.

Salem Chapter, Iola, assisted during the past year in the purchase of an organ for the chapter-room. Dec. 22 the officers were installed, the installation of the officers of the Blue Lodge following. Sarah J. Crowe, W. M.; J. H. Goshorn, W. P.; Abbie Ellis, A. M.; Nellie Colborn, Sec. Lizzie Gillilan, Treas. Addie Myler, Con.; Anna Welsch, A. C.

Ivy Leaf Chapter, Wichita, held its election of officers Dec. 10. Also, the degrees were conferred. We are commencing finely for another year. A number of petitions ahead and promise of more. Our working membership now is seventy-three. The result of the election was as follows: Annie Smyth, W. M.; Edgar N. Hall, W. P.; M. L. Whitlock, A. M.; Mary Eudora Hall, Sec.; D. A. Mitchell, Treas.; Mary M. G. Cassett, Cond.; Louise Swab, A. Cond. M. E. H.

The evening of the opening of the new Masonic rooms in Kansas City was emphasized by a reception tendered Sister Mary C. Snedden, M. W. G. M., who although at present a resident of St. Louis, is a member of

Mendias Chapter and was one of its charter members. The reception was all that could be desired and the banquet elegant. Laughter, song and repartee made the hours fly swiftly. Mr. Will Wood was toastmaster and the response was by Sister Snedden, M. W. G. M., Carrie O. Getty, G. M.; Lillian Wiggs, P. G. M.; Mrs. Wakefield and Mrs. Warner of Mo., and Mrs. Pearsoll, G. Treas. Also representatives of the Masonic bodies. It was a compliment of which Sister Snedden may well be proud to be thus honored by her own chapter. Early in the evening the assemblage was called to order by Sister Snedden, and Sister Towner, W. M. for the two past years was presented with a number of pieces of Haveland China in recognition of her faithful service and the appreciation of her associates. Sister Kate B. Thomas, P. M., made the presentation and Sister Snedden was the recipient of a beautiful bouquet of roses, chrysanthemums and ferns, Bro. G. R. Ingles doing the honor on behalf of Mendias Chapter.

The several committees for Masonic Orphans' Home accepted the invitation of Clay Center Lodge to hold its meeting there as the guests of the Lodge and it was a success. The Grand Lodge F. & A. M., was represented by M. M. Miller, Alfred Whitman and J. C. Postlethwaite; the Grand Chapter R. A. M.; by G. W. Port and the Grand Chapter O. E. S. by D. C. Batty, Carrie O. Getty and Mary C. Snedden. Plans were considered and a general line of work laid out. If the Home be built it must be under the control of the Grand Lodge—that "Children of members of the Eastern Star shall be included among those entitled to the benefits of the Home. Circulars are to be sent out soliciting subscriptions that when Grand Lodge meets they may be able to estimate the amount that can be raised toward a building fund. In the evening a banquet was given by Coronado Commandery. The banquet room was fifty feet square and the table was laid in a Maltese cross form; the center piece a large red cross of Chrysanthemums and those flowers formed the decorations. The menu was an elaborate one and was followed by a very interesting program to which Sisters Snedden and Getty contributed.

Olive Chapter, Ft. Scott, met in regular session on Dec. 6. Candidates were found in waiting, but it being election night, it was thought best not to do the work. After the minutes of the last meeting were read we proceeded to elect officers. Mrs. Mary Barrows was elected W. M.; M. S. Mickle, W. P.; Miss Emma Stewart, A. M.; Mrs. S. Hulbert, Con.; Mrs. Ida Carson, A. C. The patron was instructed to cast the ballot for Sister Mary H. Crow for Sec., and also Sister Sarah Liepmay for Treas. The chapter then closed and all repaired to the banquet-hall for refreshments. Olive Chapter is beginning to reap her reward for patience and industry. This year it comes in the way of an invitation from Blue Lodge Chapter and Com-

mandery, to join them on the night of Dec. 27 and hold a public installation. We accepted with kindest of feelings toward all. The chapter will spread a banquet to the Masons, wives, sisters, daughters and we look for a few of the sweethearts of our young brother Masons. We assure you we shall not be found wanting in our cordial hospitality and know we will never regret having extended the invitations. The Grand Treasurer received a kind invitation from Mrs. Magee, A. G. M., of Girard, to be present on the evening of Dec. 17 at her home to a lovely company and regreted that he could not be present. On Thanksgiving evening a few of Mrs. Worcester's sisters and brothers assembled at the residence of Mrs. Emma R. Pulliam, W. M., to participate in a little surprise, as well as a presentation of a beautiful Eastern Star emblem to our loved and respected sister, Mrs. Lotta Worcester, who although not an old member, yet by her untiring and willing services given for the welfare of the Chapter ever since she became a member and the cheerful manner in which she has always discharged every duty which she has been requested to perform, also for her efficient services as organist for the past year has won the love, esteem and respect of every member of Olive Chapter. The evening was passed very pleasantly with cards and dancing and at the close of refreshments, our W. M. reminded us that it was a day of thanks and for this purpose, we had been invited to her home to express our thankfulness to Mrs. Worcester for the valuable services she has rendered us during the past year and to present her with the lovely emblem of our "Guiding Star" in token of our appreciation of her efforts in our behalf. It is needless to say that the surprise of Sister Worcester was complete and in a tender and feeling manner, she responded as follows: "Thanking the loving sisters and brothers for remembering her and should often think of them in her new home, should wear their beautiful star with so much pride and pleasure coming from loving hearts to her." Sister Worcester leaves us next Monday to take up her residence in Stafford, a town in the Western part of Kansas. We are sorry to lose her, but our loss is Stafford's gain and we bid her God Speed, and may peace, happiness and success follow her in her new home, is the wish of all her friends. J. M. P.

MINNESOTA.

N. A. Gearhart, G. P., issued a dispensation for the formation of a chapter at Suverne, which was W. S. Webb, D. P., of Worthington, assisted by a number of members of Ransford Chapter. Mrs. Olivia Holbert, W. M.; Dr. W. S. Hinkly, W. P.; John Kelley, Sec. I. M. W.

Royal Chapter, Chatfield, gave an oyster supper for Masonic families Nov. 11. An excellent musical program was furnished and an enjoyable evening spent. At the last regular meeting of the chapter, two interesting papers were read; one on "The Life and Char-

acter of Ruth," the other on "Esther." The meetings are well attended and the work is well done.

Ark Lodge, A. F. & A. M., tendered their annual reception and banquet to the ladies and friends on Dec. 8. It was a creditable and enjoyable affair throughout. Grand Master Barito was present and favored the audience with remarks suited to the occasion.

Mrs. Louise Jacoby, P. G. M., entertained friends at cards Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, Dec. 14 and 15. Floral decorations consisted of carnations, smilax and yellow roses. Thursday afternoon members of Mrs. Jacoby's home chapter were the guests. It was an enjoyable occasion. Progressive euchre was played and ten tables entertained. To the fortunate ones were awarded prizes of dainty hand-painted china and silver. Refreshments were served. Sister Jacoby is at "Hotel San Angelo" for the winter.

Lorraine initiated six candidates, Dec. 5, the work being impressively done. The manner in which the officers entered the chapter-room elicited general enthusiasm and praise. The latter part of the evening was devoted to a musical and literary program and sociability, other chapters being especially invited. An original article by Sister Flora Pattee, Matron of Minnehaha Chapter, upon "The Origin and Object of the Order of the Eastern Star," proved especially interesting and instructive. This means of instructing the members as well as entertaining them seems worthy of commendation.

Minneapolis Chapter initiated twenty candidates Nov. 21 and on Dec. 12 initiated twelve more. At this latter meeting the annual report was read, showing an increase during the year of one hundred and twenty-three members; one hundred and nineteen by initiation and the balance by affiliation. To Sister Mary C. Taylor, W. M., and Bro. L. Mowry, W. P., the credit of this unprecedented success may be ascribed. "His zeal in our cause and qualifications for the position" have enabled him "to discharge the duties to the satisfaction of the chapter and honor and welfare of the Order" while "her devotion to the great social and moral purpose of the Order has been earnest and persistent."

Sister Mary C. Taylor, G. M., officially visited Miriam Chapter, Hutchinson, Dec. 5. She was accompanied by Bro. Gearhart, G. P. of Duluth, Sister Mason, A. G. M. of Excelsior, and Sister Bearley, of Minneapolis. The cordial reception and generous hospitality accorded them, speaks much for the interest taken there in the Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Taylor was entertained at the home of Sister Adams, Bro. Gearhart at Bro. Harrington's, Sister Mason at Sister Wakefield's, and Sister Bearley at a friends. During the afternoon preceding the chapter meeting Sister Adams took the Grand Matron for a drive about the town. According to her report of the impressions thus received it follows that

this is a town comprising those qualities known as thrift, energy, growth and hospitality. A banquet which only adjectives of the superlative degree can describe and music closed the evening.

L. L. J.

Minnehaha Chapter, at the meeting Nov. 18 initiated six candidates and received two by affiliation. There was a good attendance and visitors from Lorraine, Plymouth and Arcana Chapters. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant evening spent. Nov. 30 a dime social was held at Sister and Brother Varney's, owing to the extreme unpleasantness of the weather there was not so large a number out. The entertainment was first a thimble bee for a prize, and then an amateur artist club which furnished considerable amusement after which cards were indulged in. Dec. 2, two were initiated and three petitions received, with five awaiting initiation and two affiliation. Three petitions in committees' hands. Rituals are entirely dispensed with in doing the work.

MONTANA.

The election of Miriam Chapter, Helena, took place Dec. 13. It resulted in the promotion of Alice Hopper, A. M., to the W. M. station; Judge C. B. Nolan succeeded himself as W. P., entering upon his fourth year of service, Sister Hattie Shober, who has filled successively and successfully several positions, advanced to the A. M.'s chair. Sister Mattie Boolser was re-elected Sec., and Mrs. Jennie L. Paynter fills for the second term the office of Treas. Sister Willie Prenott was elected Con.; Miss Jennie Hepner, A. C. The newly elected W. M. was formerly a member of Central Chapter, Marshalltown, Iowa. She now occupies a prominent position in the corps of teachers in the graded schools of Helena. The efforts of Sister Lucy S. Railsback, the retiring Matron, have been very successful on behalf of Miriam Chapter and are pleasant memories with all of its members. There was a large attendance on this occasion.

E. L. H.

Ruth Chapter, Butte, had a most excellent meeting Wednesday, Dec. 7. There were three initiations, at the close of which the doors were thrown open wide, and the hall filled with Eastern Star members, and their Masonic friends. The latter being there upon special invitation to come and participate in the social part of our meeting. The entertainment was said to be one of "dry refreshment order," and it certainly deserved the name, for after a program of recitations, readings, dialogues, instrumental and vocal music

we had introduced "the donkey social," this I am sure everybody is familiar with. During the time that some were trying to fasten the caudal appendage to the donkey, others were amusing themselves with candy, popcorn, and, although we don't like to give it away one of our young and handsome Past Patrons was indulging in kisses—the only liquid we beheld during the evening was a small quantity of "Adam's ale."

The mammas and friends of the youthful portion of Masonic families, believing it right and proper to begin early with the training of, and instilling into the minds of our young such principles* belonging to our beautiful Order as is befitting the capacity of their minds and age, agreed upon a social entertainment, and met on the evening of Nov. 23 for a social time with the children. There were about thirty bright-eyed, rosy-lipped, dimpled-cheeked Montanians, ranging in ages from Baby Hammer, the six-month-old son, of our Worthy Matron, up to our young misses of fifteen years. The scene upon this occasion represented a blossoming flower garden from the bud just opening to the full-blown rose, and some, we might add, whose brightness was faded and gone. Although "ye" scribe might count as one of the latter in appearance, we were young at heart, for the surrounding joys would not have it otherwise. There was an elaborate program prepared by the young people consisting of recitations, songs, etc., every one rendering their part perfectly. One recitation by Mattie Fish, "The Family from Maine," was exceptionally good, and perfectly rendered. Also one by Master Fred Warthey, "The Dutchman." All deserve mention, but time and space will not permit. At the close of literary program all were invited to the dining-room, where the tables were laden with sweetmeats and the way the young folks cleared them out of the way, methinks left little, if any work for the mammas' cleaning next day. After the eatables were indulged in to their entire satisfaction, they again repaired to the hall, where games, such as "Drop the handkerchief," etc., were engaged in for a little time, when a halt was called by Mrs. Hammer, and the announcement made that

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WISCONSIN.

Labelle Chapter was organized recently by J. E. Reynolds, D. G. P., who was ably assisted by officers and members of Vesper Chapter, East Troy. The evening was resplendent in the glory of the full moon and a ride of seven miles brought us from the different directions to a warm supper at the Mukwanago Hotel, after which we repaired to the Masonic Hall where twenty-one petitions were admitted to the Order. The work was fully exemplified by the officers of Vesper Chapter. After the installation the officers of Labelle Chapter took charge and the chapter was duly closed when we repaired to the U. and U. hall to partake of refreshments prepared by our new sisters which with the social spirit manifest sent us home well pleased with our fraternal neighbors. S. A. R.

On Friday evening, September 30, the dedication of the fine, large new Masonic Hall, at Tomah, took place, under the management of Grand Master, Fred Ring, of LaCrosse. During the afternoon visitors arriving from LaCrosse, Sparta, Manston, Portage and other places were pleasantly entertained in the new Hall with music and conversation until six o'clock, when supper was served. About two hundred people partook of the banquet spread by the sisters of Tomah Chapter, O. E. S., and ladies of other Masonic families. Everything in season from roast pig to ice cream, fruit and sweets were served and the sisters having the banquet in charge are to be congratulated on the complete success of their part of the entertainment. Both halls and tables were beautifully decorated with cut flowers and potted plants. After supper the company adjourned to the new hall where the dedication ceremonies were held, after which an interesting programme was presented, opening with a song by the male quartette, Bros. Ford, Reigel, Palmer and Richards. R. A. Richards led the addresses with one giving a history of the different homes this Lodge has had, closing with the hope that it might long prosper in its new and commodious rooms. Sister Adency Irons, P. G. M., followed with a brief description of the Order of the Eastern Star in Wisconsin and gave some information that the visiting Masons and their wives were glad to receive. W. M. Wilcox, of Manston Lodge, Bro. A. H. Isham, of Sparta Lodge and Grand Master Ring, of LaCrosse gave short addresses, and P. M., Brother George Graham, of Tomah Lodge and Chapter closed with an eloquent tribute to the members of the fraternity here,

saying that the chief attraction for him when he located here was the fact of there being a good lively Masonic Lodge, and he wished to say that there were more good Masons and more bright winsome wives and daughters of Masons in Monroe county than in any other place he knew. A very pleasant evening was passed and all were pleased to have been there. On Saturday evening, October 1, Tomah Chapter held the first regular meeting in the new Hall, since which time we have initiated one new member, received three petitions and given two suppers. We have already furnished our dishes, some silver and other furnishings for our dining hall and hope to have many more successes to record. On Saturday, November 12, Sister and Brother S. C. Ford were gladdened by the advent of a daughter, which is the first infant of our Chapter. Think we must do something nice for the little "Star."

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He enlisted early in 1861 in what afterward became Company "A" 57th Reg't., Pennsylvania Volunteers, and as Orderly Sergeant went to the front. Of the same company he was successively 2nd Lieut., 1st Lieut. and Captain, serving to the close of the war. He was wounded at Fredericksburg, Chancellersville and Gettysburg. At the latter place he was taken prisoner, and confined in Libby Prison nine months, and was one of the party who escaped through the celebrated Libby Prison tunnel, and was also among the unfortunate number re-captured, and was subsequently in about every prison in the South where they ever held a Yankee officer, being six months under fire of our own guns at Charlestown, and was finally paroled at Goldsburgh, and returned to the Union lines, after one year and eight months imprisonment.

In 1866 he located at Stanton, Mich., where he engaged in the mercantile and lumber business, where he has since resided. He is at present largely interested in real estate, farming and fine stock raising.

Of Stanton Post, G. A. R., he was the first Commander, and is a member of the Michigan Commandery of the Loyal Legion.

His Masonic history began with the dawn of Masonry in his place of residence, he being the first candidate initiated in Stanton Lodge, F. and A. M., and of which later on, he was

for years Worshipful Master. Of Stanton Chapter Royal Arch Masons he was a charter member and was also High Priest of the same.

While the Lodge F. & A. M. and the Chapter R. A. M., are the only Masonic Bodies having a permanent home in Stanton he has taken the degrees of the Council, Commandery and is a 32° member of the Scottish Rite.

When Crescent Chapter, O. E. S., was organized at Stanton he was chosen its first



HENRY HARRISON HINDS.

Worthy Patron and last year served the Grand Chapter of Michigan efficiently as its Worthy Grand Patron. At the session of the General Grand Chapter held last September in Columbus, Ohio, he was elected R. W. Associate Grand Patron in which position he will continue for three years.

Brother Hinds has been actively engaged

in business in Stanton and has held various offices of public trust. He has been Supervisor and Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of his County, was also State Senator, and was for years a member of the Board of Control of the State Public School. Of the State Live Stock Sanitary Commission he has been President since its organization. He is a member and Chairman of the County Soldiers' Relief Commission, is a member of the Columbian Dairy School Commission and its Vice-chairman. He is also a member of the Executive board of the Michigan State Agricultural Society, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Michigan State Grange.

These many and varied duties and responsibilities have been met promptly and it is safe to predict that to all trusts reposed in him he will render a faithful stewardship.

In 1871 he was married to Mary E. Sherwood, of Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, in which county both were raised and they were born in the same Township. This union has been blessed with interesting children. Death removed some in infancy but the crushing blow came within the last year when Edna the eldest daughter was called suddenly to answer the final summons. She was a promising girl of nearly seventeen, just graduating from school and at the age of development when it seems almost impossible to give a child up. While Edna hoped for more years here with those she loved, and gave promise of a useful, beautiful womanhood, she lovingly obeyed the call of the Good Shepherd

and in that brighter, better land the promise is being fulfilled in the perfect unfolding of the sweet bud whose fragrance shall lead us on through life's tangled mazes to the light of His love. Four children remain, Alma, Eva and May, daughters, and Sherwood, the youngest, a son.

Sister Hinds is also one of the world's busy women and in the varied interests and pursuits of her husband is in the full sense his companion and helpmeet.